

IND1599

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1599-1

I oppose the proposed offshore
Liquefied Natural Gas Facility (Port
Ambrose) because not only does it promote
the use of fossil fuels but also displaces

IND1599-2

a proposed wind farm in the same ~~the~~ area.

IND1599-3

Port Ambrose will also only create
temporary jobs for New Yorkers,
which I don't agree with.

Sincerely,

Name: Andrew Pennant

Address: 3587 E Tremont Ave, Bx, NY, 10465

School: CCNY

Email: apennan006@citymail.wny.edu

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1599-1 See response to CO128-5.

IND1599-2 See response to IND269-1.

IND1599-3 See response to IND26-3.

IND1600

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
 Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1600-1 port Ambrose is just another target for
 U.S. enemies. The coast Guard already
 is burdened with many tasks as it is.

IND1600-2 Not only that but LNG is dirty. It
 results in up to 40% more greenhouse
 gas emissions than domestic natural gas.

Sincerely,

Name: Eduardo De Latioz

Address:

School: City College of New York

Email: eddiecast3@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1600-1 See response to IND23-1.

IND1600-2 Thank you for your comment.

IND1601

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1601-1

Governor Cuomo I ~~disagree~~ am not for this Plan
for Port Ambrose. You are focusing on the present
and not the problems that will arise in the future.
Port Ambrose will threaten the ecosystem, ~~an~~ ~~ecosystem~~
environment etc.

Sincerely,

Name: Markell Carter

Address: 10453

School:

Email:

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1601-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1602

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
 Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1602-1 I disagree with the creation of Port Ambrose.
 IND1602-2 It is bad for the environment and
 IND1602-3 enables pollution. It displaces renewable
 IND1602-4 energy proposals and threatens the
 IND1602-5 economy since commercial and
 recreational fishermen and divers will
 be excluded from large areas of important
 fishing grounds. Exports will increase
 natural gas costs. The construction of
 Port Ambrose would also dredge up nearly
 20 miles of sea floor.

Sincerely,

Name: Francisco Barros

Address: 44-09 69th Street Woodside, NY.

School: City College

Email: barros_60@msn.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1602-1 See response to IND968-1.

IND1602-2 See response to IND24-3.

IND1602-3 See response to IND685-1.

IND1602-4 Thank you for your comment.

IND1602-5 See response to CO129-6.

IND1603

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

IND1603-1

I don't think the idea for building a wind farm
is feasible. It doesn't create jobs and we have
no use for it since we have all these other
resources

Sincerely,

Name: Christopher Choney

Address:

School: Macaulay Honors College

Email: cckwonpk62@yahoo.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1603-1 Thank you for your comment.

IND1604

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1604-1

The proposed Port Ambrose is an insult
to New Yorkers. It would appear to be
a bait and switch after the fracking ban
if the govt really believes LNG is dangerous
and that New Yorkers are above prohibit
this sort of port.

Sincerely,

Name: Alyssio O'Garra
Address: Tuxedo NY 10987
School: UNY
Email: aogarra@gmail.com
CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1604-1 See response to IND71-1.

IND1605

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
 Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

- IND1605-1 Pt Ambrose LNG will not create any
 new jobs for Americans. The environmental
 IND1605-2 affects will be disasters for our environment.
 IND1605-3 We should be looking into alternatives that
 do not disrupt the ecosystem. These ~~easy~~ easy
 cut rate methods at producing energy do not
 do this great state a good service.

Sincerely,

Name: Jacob Wishnoff

Address: 6565 Booth St, Rego Park, NY 11374

School: CCNY

Email: Jwishno00@citymail.ccny.edu

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1605-1 Thank you for your comment.

IND1605-2 Thank you for your comment.

IND1605-3 See response to IND24-3.

IND1606

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

IND1606-1

Why would we 1) ruin our land and create more environmental problems domestically while 2) outsourcing tons of these "new jobs" for natural gas that is seemingly dangerous and known for its potential dangers. Don't do it dude.

Sincerely,

Name: Tammie David

Address: ~~8800~~ 10456

School: CCNY

Email: tammiedavid@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1606-1 Thank you for your comment.

IND1607

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

~~IND1607-1~~ Governor Cuomo, you are Completely delusional! If you put Corporate economic interest over public Safety! You'd rather use fossil fuels like Natural gas, they are called FOSSIL fuels for a reason they are ~~inert~~ Acheic and damage our environment. Is pollution & damaging our environment worth a few hundred share in the LNG. Please, use your reasoning & do your job ~~to~~ protect the Citizens of NY, that's why we elected you. Leave the Natural gas alone. It's Inefficient! & doesn't make any sense for you to Support it unless ~~there's~~ there's a Conflict of Interest.

Sincerely,

Name: A Concerned Citizen

Address: 11233

School:

Email:

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1607-1 Thank you for your comment.

IND1608

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

IND1608-1

It causes 40% emission of
Greenhouse gases which is harmful
to the environment. Its extremely volatile.
Should not be built.

Sincerely,

Name: Saurav Shakya

Address: 5101, 30th Ave, Cunningham, NY

School: CCNY

Email: shakya.saurav95@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1608-1 See response to IND24-1. See response to IND1600-2.

IND1609

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1609-1 Port Ambrose must be stopped it is
a danger to our environment.
It is dirty and requires 40% or more
greenhouse gas emissions.

Sincerely,

Name: Patricia Binagi

Address: 32-33 60th St Woodside NY 11377

School: CCNY CUNY

Email: pbinagi@aol.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1609-1 See response to IND1600-2.

IND1610

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1610-1

This is wrong because it has the environment as a
while. It causes ~~for~~ 40% more greenhouse gas emissions
than domestic natural gases and is extremely violent

Sincerely,

Name: Roxana M. Hernandez

Address:

School: City College of New York

Email:

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1610-1 See response to IND1600-2.

IND1611

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1611-1 I don't support bringing ~~R~~ LNG back
to New York. It is dangerous. I think
IND1611-2 a better way would be a windmill.

Sincerely,

Name: Josette Caban

Address: 2530 Holland Ave Bronx NY 10467

School: BMCC

Email: Josette.Caban@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1611-1 See response to IND1028-1.

IND1611-2 See response to IND269-1.

IND1612

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Comments:

IND1612-1

This is a harm to our environment. It ~~will~~ would be nice to
move to more renewable energy like wind + solar

Sincerely,

Name: George Mendec

Address: 2107 Bussing

School: ~~Bonnet~~ Bonnet

Email: NAN

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1612-1 See response to IND24-3.

IND1613

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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IND1613-1

I am not satisfied with the responses straight from the "Media Resource Center" webpage of the Port Ambrose project website. "Eliminate environmental impact to the greatest extent practicable" is a statement that a) isn't warranted by corroborating evidence from experts in the environmental field, and b) the phrase itself is so ambiguous as to not meet the standards necessary to implement such a potentially catastrophic project. I support this project to the "greatest extent" I possibly can given the potential harms to our world, which is zero support!

Sincerely,

Name: Trevor Colliton
 Address: 40 Howard Avenue
 School: Borough of Manhattan Community College
 Email: trevorcolliton@icloud.com
 CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1613-1 Thank you for your comment.

IND1614

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

IND1614-1

I do not approve on Port Ambrose LNG Terminal.
It's unhealthy and will increase the pollution already in
New York, and to actual bring back ~~some~~ an Instrument
that can add on to the health hazardous that are already
here would be unlawful.

Sincerely,

Name: Jason

Address: 91-35 193rd St Jamaica, NY APT 4K

School: B.M.C.C

Email: JasonJean94@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1614-1 Thank you for your comment.

IND1615

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

Dear Governor Cuomo,

IND1615-1 Please don't bring back LNG, it makes me

IND1615-2 fear for my life. Please just hear ~~and~~ our cry's and
 can try renewable energy.

Sincerely,

Name: A BMCC student .

Address: Brooklyn, NY .

School: _____

Email: _____

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1615-1 See response to IND24-3.

IND1615-2 Thank you for your comment.

IND1616

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

I am Jie Shen 27. I am a full
 time student at BMCC and I am
 aware of the proposed off shore liquefied
 Natural gas and I disagree with the
 Port Ambrose.

IND1616-1 See response to IND602-1.

Sincerely,

Name: Jie Shen
 Address: 83 Minton St. New York NY 10002
 School: BMCC
 Email: jie.shen@live.com
 CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1617

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

My name is Winston Quezada,
 I'm a full student at BMCC
 and I'm aware of the proposed offshore
 liquefied natural gas and I disagree
 with the port ambrose because
 it's going to lead to fracturing
 once again in NJ. We don't want
 that to happen anymore here
 in the state

IND1617-1 See response to IND93-3.

Sincerely,

Name: Winston Quezada

Address: winstonq82@gmail.com / 3950 Bronx Blvd
 Bronx NY 10466

School: BMCC

Email:

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1618

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

IND1618-1

Port Ambrose is a very bad idea! The fact that
it will be in the water makes it worse, eventually
something bad is going to happen such
as a leak. I say NO to Port Ambrose!

Sincerely,

Name: Ashley Raz

Address: 665 Cassano St. BX, NY

School: BMCC

Email: ashley.raz@aol.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1618-1 See response to IND327-1.

IND1619

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

IND1619-1

Port ambrose is a really bad idea!!! It's bad
for our environment and health! AND OUR FUTURE!

Sincerely,

Name: Stephanie Wong
Address: 21 Moroe Street New York, NY, 10002
School: ~~Brooklyn Museum~~ BMCC
Email: stepherxs@aim.com
CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1619-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1620

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

IND1620-1

I wish you guys to stop bringing these
facilities to our environment. Because almost
all people don't want to be killed.
Thus please, stop killing us.

Sincerely,

Name: Osamah Almagdashi

Address: 224 Ave M 2nd Fl

School: BMCE

Email: H1toSamah2009@hotmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1620-1 See response to IND1028-1.

IND1621

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

IND1621-1

Please do not bring lng facility into
new York, because it is something harmful
to our lives, it can potentially be a
terrorist location. Instead bring more
eco friendly power sources.

Sincerely,

Name: Sydney Diaz

Address:

School: BMCC

Email: sydneymdiaz@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1621-1 See response to IND23-1.

IND1622

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

IND1622-1

Don't bring this facility here
because it can kill people.

IND1622-2

We need more eco friendly facilities
instead.

Sincerely,

Name: *Hamil Mubarek*
Address: *1490 Boston Road #24*
School: *BMCC*
Email: *hamil.mubarek@gmail.com*
CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1622-1 See response to IND1028-1.

IND1622-2 See response to IND24-3.

IND1623

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1623-1

Don't bring these facilities here
because it is harmful the environment and
for the safety of people, instead bring

IND1623-2

other sources of energy that are more eco-friendly
such as wind mills and hydro plants

Sincerely,

Name: Boutaina Assou

Address: 148 Suffolk street Unit D.

School: BMCC

Email: zena123@live.fr

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1623-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1623-2 See response to IND24-3.

IND1624

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
 Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1624-1

We would appreciate if you did not incorporate
 Liquefied Natural Gas in a city such as New York
 city because of it's possible harm to the people.

IND1624-2

However, that is not the only issue. The fact that
 you could implement the process of renewable resources
 to achieve a goal and become recognized as a
 socially responsible organization would be ~~that~~ a
~~that~~ better approach. Therefore, it is not possible to
 say that there are no other options.

Sincerely,

Name: Scarlett Gonzalez

Address: Brooklyn, NY

School: BHCC

Email: scarlett.gonzalez@stu.bhcc.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1624-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1624-2 Thank you for your comment.

IND1625

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1625-1

We do not want liquefied Natural Gas
in New York City or anywhere else in
New York.

Sincerely,

Name: Nikaury Payana

Address: Bronx, NY

School: BMCC

Email: nikaury-payana@hotmail.com,

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1625-1 See response to IND602-1.

IND1626

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1626-1

Do not bring this to NY. We need
to do the best to keep our
environment.

Sincerely,

Name: Ruth M. Colmaneres

Address: 99-10 60th Ave Apt 1K

School: BMCC

Email: Maholuh5@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1626-1 Thank you for your comment.

IND1627

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1627-1 Please don't bring Port Ambrose to New York City
because it harmful to the environment and it
stand away to clean and it also would
kill people. Also we need ~~more~~ New York

IND1627-2 to produce ~~the~~ 50% of our energy by renewable
source by 2025.

Sincerely,

Name: Abigail Amanhwah

Address: 3150 Rarhambeau Ave Apt #D56
10467

School: BACC

Email: aamanhwah21@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1627-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1627-2 See response to IND897-1.

IND1628

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

IND1628-1

Do not do this. It is highly dangerous and can harm everyone in NYC or anyone in general. It is better to have things that are Eco Friendly. All of this is dangerous to the environment and if the environment reacts badly to it, imagine what can happen to people.

Sincerely,

Name: Shamois Harris

Address: 164-01 Foch Blvd Apt 4C

School: Borough of Manhattan Community College

Email: shammydot212@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1628-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1629

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1629-1 (Liquefied Natural Gas) is a dubb (meaning it ain't a good look for the NY environment). It's harmful and not ecofriendly. Don't

IND1629-2 bring it here instead bring something that may help each borough. Something more ecofriendly.

Sincerely,

Name: Akeen London

Address: 626 East 81st street, Brooklyn NY, 11236

School: BMCC

Email: LondonAkeen92@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1629-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1629-2 See response to IND269-1.

IND1630

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1630-1

Don't bring LNG facilities to New York.
because it is harmful to the environment.

IND1630-2

and can kill people. Instead bring Eco
friendly sources of energy.

Sincerely,

Name: Jhan P. Jds

Address:

School: BMCC

Email: jhan0315@hotmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1630-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1630-2 See response to IND269-1.

IND1631

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1631-1

Don't bring structures to harm the environment.

IND1631-2

Instead use safer sources of energy; Please
Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Name: John A. Smith

Address: 3407 Long St Cooperstown 13326

School: Hartwick College

Email: John@Smith@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1631-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1631-2 See response to IND269-1.

IND1632

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1632-1

Dont bring LNG Terminal because
it is dangerous for the environment it killed
40 people in Staten Island. We need New York

IND1632-2

to produce 50% of our energy by renewable
sources by 2025.

Sincerely,

Name: Sophia Martinez

Address: 544 WATKINS ST Brooklyn New York

School: Bmcc

Email: smartinez14@sljhs.org

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1632-1 See response to IND189-1.

IND1632-2 See response to IND897-1.

IND1633

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1633-1 Don't bring LNG here, because it is harmful to
the environment. Also, affecting everyone and
everything around here.

Sincerely,

Name: Jessica Chan

Address:

School: BMCC

Email: blake8088@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1633-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1634

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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IND1634-1

I do not want an LNG facility built in New York because it is harmful to the atmosphere and environment.

IND1634-2

In 1973, one of these facilities in Staten Island killed 40 people and we do not need any more casualties from this. There are safer alternatives!

Sincerely,

Name: Alvad A Ramcharran
Address: 615 E 23rd St, Bklyn, NY 11210
School: Borough of Manhattan CC
Email: Alvad@icloud.com
CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1634-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1634-2 See response to IND189-1.

IND1635

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Comments:

IND1635-1

Please I would like you guys to be aware of
LNG We really donot want it in our city
which is New York City, it might be very
harmful for our society Please do some
about, something really needs to be changed

Sincerely,

Name: Wilkingston Louis-Jeune

Address: 333 Bench 32nd street APT D20 Jnr Rockaway, NY 11691

School: Bmcc

Email: Wilkingstonlouisjeune@yahoo.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1635-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1636

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

IND1636-1 I do not want you to bring energy facility LNG to Port Ambrose because it is harmful to the environment and dangerous to humans. Instead bring

IND1636-2 more eco friendly sources of energy such as wind ^{mill} plants and hydro plants.

Sincerely,

Name: Luisa Serna

Address:

School: Bmcc

Email: Luisa439@hotmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1636-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1636-2 See response to IND269-1.

IND1637

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

IND1637-1 I disagree with the proposed LNG
terminal into New York, not only did it
kill 40 people in Staten Island in 1973

IND1637-2 so why bring it back. We need NY
to produce 50% of our energy by
renewable source by 2025. Go green!!

Sincerely,

Name: Paola Martinez

Address: 1011 Neilson St Far Rockaway NY, 11691

School: BMCC

Email: paolamartinez2811@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1637-1 See response to IND189-1.

IND1637-2 See response to IND897-1.

IND1638

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Comments:

IND1638-1

There should be a better way ~~to go~~ and cleaner way to conserve energy. A safer environment can be made if the use of wind in ~~involve~~ ^{natural} and anything that conserves ~~on~~ energy.

Sincerely,

Name: Karina Gomez

Address: 71-03 Woodside Ave Apt #2

School: BMCC

Email: Karigomez025@hotmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1638-1 Thank you for your comment.

IND1639

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Comments:

IND1639-1

Liquid Natural gas is dangerous

Sincerely,

Name: *Anthony Delgado*

Address: *115 east 118th*

School: *BMU*

Email: *AnthonyDelgado201@gmail.com*

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1639-1 See response to IND1028-1.

IND1640

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Comments:

IND1640-1

do not build any ~~liquidly~~
 Natural gas because it may cause
~~any~~ New York or any places a
 lot of damage and ~~dam~~ harm
 people. build a wind pipe instead
 that

Sincerely,

Name: Abdoul Akanoki

Address: Brooklyn.

School: DMCC

Email: aakanoki@inths.org

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1640-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1641

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1641-1

LNG is dangerous and port ambrose
is a bad idea. For the sake of our children
please look into better solutions.

Sincerely,

Name: Christina Watkins

Address: New York, NY

School: BMCC

Email: ~~Christina.Watkins@BMCC.CUNY.EDU~~ Christina.Watkins@STU.BMCC.CUNY.EDU

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1641-1 See response to IND1028-1.

IND1642

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1642-1

There are less Volatile and
safer sources of energy.
On the coast is also a very vulnerable
place to store and/or use
volatile materials.

IND1642-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1642-2

Try solar, hydro, wind or
even Lithium Ion reactors for
power.

IND1642-2 See response to IND24-3.

Sincerely,

Name: Cenaeg

Address:

School: BMC

Email: mooglenw@yahoo.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1643

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1643-1

If the last time this method of harvesting fuel killed
people directly, would you risk that again?

Sincerely,

Name: Jesus Casas

Address: 1258 Morris Avenue

School: BMCC

Email:

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1643-1 See response to IND189-1.

IND1644

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1644-1

No to Port Ambrose, we need more energy
efficient ways.

Sincerely,

Name: Francis Nunez

Address: 2643 Sedgwick ave

School: BMCC

Email: Nunez.Francis1992@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1644-1 Thank you for your comment.

IND1645

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1645-1

I don't want the LNG in NY.
it really dangerous. and will kill people
when the explosion happened

Sincerely,

Name: Leashia.

Address: ~~650 833 Ave~~ 57- 815 59 street Brooklyn. 11220

School: Be Bmcc.

Email: selina123@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1645-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1646

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1646-1

Stop the Port.

We don't like it or need it
here.

Sincerely,

Name: *Barry M. Parker*

Address: *BMCC - Chambers St., NYC, N.Y.*

School: *BMCC*

Email: *b.parker@bmcc.nyu.edu*

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1646-1 See response to IND602-1.

IND1647

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1647-1

I do not support it.
we should think long-term term

Sincerely,

Name: Nabat Mahmudova

Address: 1735 E 13th Street

School: BMCC

Email: nabat.mahmudova@edu.bmcc.cuny.edu

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1647-1 See response to IND602-1.

IND1648

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1648-1

fracking is a bad idea because
it causes pollution to our water
and earthquakes. Health issues
will expand due to contaminated
water. don't frack.

Sincerely,

Name: Christian Cordova

Address: 2074 Cressy Avenue Bk, NY 11214

School: BRCC

Email: cici.alexia@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1648-1 Thank you for your comment.

IND1649

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1649-1

It's best to go with solar and
wind energy. Much safer for workers, us, and
the environment. Please consider.

Sincerely,

Name: Rafael Gell

Address: 2727 University Ave

School: Borough of Manhattan Community College

Email: Asupraty@hotmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1649-1 See response to IND24-3.

IND1650

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
 Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
 Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1650-1

Don't bring this facilities to New York

because is harmful for the environment and

IND1650-2

it can potentially kill people. Instead, bring
 more equal friendly sources of energy
 such as wind mills.

Sincerely, 

Name: Michelle

Address: 2299 Andrews Ave. Bronx NY 10468 (Apt 5C)

School: BMCC

Email: nriviera8247@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1650-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1650-2 See response to IND269-1.

IND1651

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1651-1

I think this company/industry would be hazardous
to New Yorker, we already have industries/companies
destructive/harmful to the environment, exhaust
from traffic and pollution from construction
and buildings that add to many children
and adults developing Asthma.

Sincerely,

Name: KELLYANN PERROTIE-DAVID

Address: 702 MACDONOUGH ST, APT 2R BKLYN NY 1033

School: BMCC

Email: kperrotie@yahoo.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1651-1 Thank you for your comment.

IND1652

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1652-1

Off-shore facilities still put us
all in danger. It also keeps the
door open to bring it on shore
at a later date. This must be
banned totally and we need
to invest in alternative
sources - ie, wind, water.

IND1652-2

Sincerely,

Name: SUSAN FRIEDWALD

Address: 145 E 27th ST NY NY 1006

School: BMCC - CUNY

Email: ~~BABEY10~~ BABEY10@EARTHLINK.NET

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1652-1 Thank you for your comment.

IND1652-2 See response to IND24-3.

IND1653

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
 Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
 Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1653-1

*I k Methane imition has to be reduced
 by 80% by 2050. then building LNG facility
 would only put us back. Due to the fact
 that LNG creates more methane gas. The
 City Of New York this world in general
 is polluted enough. So I myself am against
 building something so close to home that
 will just kill us faster. And something that is
 already being very combustible/burnable is
 being developed at a higher quantity.*

IND1653-1 See response to IND814-3.

IND1653-2

IND1653-2 See response to IND24-1.

Sincerely,

Name: JOAN SOSA

Address:

School: BMCC

Email: SOSAHEM@hotmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1654

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1654-1

Its bad for the environment
possible attach WE DO NOT
WANT IT!

Sincerely,

Name: Stephen Masters

Address: 1469 East 96th St Bklyn NY

School: BMCC

Email: Richpinkneice@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1654-1 See response to IND918-1. See response to IND23-1.

IND1655

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1655-1

I oppose this LNG in our community.
Give us environmental justice and clean
environment for our children.

Sincerely,

Name: Paula Saunders

Address: 199 Chambers Street, N651- NY NY 10007

School: CUNY Bmcc

Email: psaunders@bmcc.cuny.edu

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1655-1 See response to IND602-1.

IND1656

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1656-1

Power plants should NOT be build
in NY. The population is extremely
dense and it will potentially get hundreds
of seniors, children etc. sick or possibly
death!

Sincerely,

Name: Diana Pesantez

Address: 483 Onderdonk Ridgewood NY 11385

School: BMCC

Email: Diana.S.pesantez@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1656-1 See response to IND414-1.

IND1657

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1657-1

I oppose the Port Ambrose
LNG Terminal proposition

IND1657-1 See response to IND602-1.

IND1657-2

New York State cannot reduce
greenhouse gas emissions 80% by
2050 with the build out
of this natural gas infrastructure.

IND1657-2 See response to IND814-3.

Please do not allow this structure
to be built.

Sincerely,

Name: Barbara Perry Morgan

Address: 70 LaSalle St. #19-C; New York, NY 10027

School: BMCC

Email: barbara2.niger@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1658

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1658-1

Things that are this dangerous
to the community should not
be allowed near a major city.
There can be other ways to prevent
this. Something like this only causes
harm to humanity itself.

Sincerely,

Name: Raymond Marte

Address: 1873 Andrews Ave

School: BnCC

Email: Raymond.vma@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1658-1 See response to IND414-1.

IND1659

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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26x more potent
14720, 40 people dead

Comments:

IND1659-1

There is a way safer option towards providing energy for our civilization such as eco efficient wind technology. With all of the statistics there is no reason to build such a liability.

Sincerely,

Name: Larry Durante

Address: 64 macombs place

School: Bronx School for New York Borough of Manhattan College

Email: larry.durante116@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1659-1 See response to IND24-3.

IND1660

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1660-1

*Natural energy is the best. Do you remember A offshore
wind farm is the key it's better to be given the to
create a potential explosion.*

Sincerely,

Name: *Rogee Castro*

Address:

School: *BHCC*

Email: *roguecastro@gmail.com*

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1660-1 See response to IND269-1.

IND1661

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Comments:

IND1661-1

I support the building of a renewal energy
because it is for the benefit of the people.

Sincerely,

Name: Lilian Yanza

Address: 86074 Freshpond Rd

School: BMCC

Email: michelle.love.like.27@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1661-1 See response to IND24-3.

IND1662

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1662-1 | I am against LNG Facilitating NY.

Sincerely,

Name: Beatrice Campos

Address:

School: BMCC

Email: bcampos132@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1662-1 See response to IND602-1.

IND1663

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1663-1

I don't want LNG in NYC. There are too
much pollution.

Sincerely,

Name: Zhan Jiang

Address: 1572 W 8th ST

School: BMCL

Email: zackjiang925@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1663-1 See response to IND602-1.

IND1664

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1664-1

I do not support the building of this
facility, it is dangerous for the community.

Sincerely,

Name: Johanna Zorrilla

Address: 128 W 128th St.

School: BMCC

Email: jzorrilla528@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1664-1 See response to IND602-1.

IND1665

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1665-1

Natural energy will benefit people and the environment for the long run. with wind farms in NY state (if they are established), ~~it is likely~~ it is likely to inspire other states to follow suit.

Sincerely,

Name: *Rose Tenorio*

Address: *2836 Brighton 7th St.*

School: *Borough of Manhattan Community College*

Email: *Rtenorio1991@gmail.com*

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1665-1 See response to IND269-1.

IND1666

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1666-1

Liquid Natural gas is dangerous! We should take
into consideration the opinions of our New Yorker's
because we live here, therefore it can affect our
lives. Why cause greater stress and responsibilities
to those that we already have.

Sincerely,

Name: Yessica Campos Ortega

Address: 1436 Beach Ave. Bronx, New York 10460

School: (Bmt.)
Borough of Manhattan Community College

Email: yessicaortega@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1666-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1667

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
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Comments:

IND1667-1

Back in 1973, the LNG storage facility had an accident in which there was an explosion killing 90 people. If we allowed LNG back to NYC we will not be able to achieve reducing greenhouse gases emissions.

IND1667-2

Our goal of 80% reduction by 2050 will not be met. Now is when we should put our primary focus

IND1667-3

on investing in renewable energy, reduce our usage of burning fossil fuels. Energy producers such as wind and solar energy should be the new wave.

Sincerely,

Name: Victor Hui

Address: 173 Henry St, NYC 10002

School: BMCC

Email: victor.hui123@yahoo.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1667-1 See response to IND189-1.

IND1667-2 See response to IND814-3.

IND1667-3 See response to IND24-3.

IND1668

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1668-1

I do not support the Port Ambrose.
The LNG is really dangerous.

Sincerely,

Name: Wendy Zhen,

Address: 65th Street Brooklyn.

School: BMCC.

Email: Wendy1013@hotmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1668-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1669

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1669-1

It would not be a good idea to build
that here, we want and need clean air
It's damaging to our lives!

Sincerely,

Name: Ashley Ashford

Address: 789 Mac Donough Street

School: BUCC

Email: Ashley.Ash14@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1669-1 Thank you for your comment.

IND1670

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1670-1 ~~THIS~~ is Please do not build Liberty Natural Gas port. This will pollute the air and kill more people. What is more important, our lives or money? Build something that is more beneficial.

Sincerely,

Name: Daniel Appiah

Address: 150 W 225th Street

School: BMCC

Email: NKAYVIRUS@hotmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1670-1 See response to IND1607-1.

IND1671

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1671-1

I don't think that they should
build LNG because there are people
who can catch a bad reaction
to the gas that's being let
out.

Sincerely,

Name: Gabriel Colon

Address: 535 Havemeyer Ave

School: BMCC

Email: Gabriel Colon1996@gmail.com

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1671-1 Thank you for your comment.

IND1672

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
Draft Environmental Impact Statement
Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1672-1

*Please don't build here. Help us keep NY
safe and less polluted. You owe us
that much.*

Sincerely,

Name: ~~_____~~ *Cashmere Grant*

Address: *43 Halsey Street*

School: *BMCC*

Email: *Grant.Cashmere@gmail.com*

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1672-1 See response to IND918-1.

IND1673

To: U.S. Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration
 Re: Liberty Natural Gas LLC, Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
 Draft Environmental Impact Statement
 Docket ID: USCG-2013-0363

Comments:

IND1673-1

Please stop the port Ambrose pipeline
 this can become the next national scale
 disaster, akin to the gulf coast oil
 spill of 2010 which is still contaminating

IND1673-2

the gulf coast. And New York has just got
 hydro fracking banned in New York state,
 so this pipeline is a huge step back.

Sincerely,

Name: Sherrod Staten

Address: 8141, 102 Rd

School: BMC

Email: sherrd@

CC: Governor Cuomo

IND1673-1 See response to IND23-1.

IND1673-2 Thank you for your comment.

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IND1676


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Anonymous

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IND1676-1

Three new power plants utilizing natural gas from Marcellus shale gas fields will be opening up in Lycoming, Bradford and Lawrence counties, Pennsylvania in 2016. Each plant has 800-900 MW capacity and will be connected to the electric grid and will be capable of providing power to the NY-NJ metro area. At least one more additional Pennsylvania natural gas power plant near Shamokin dam will be opened to production in 2017, other natural gas power plants are in planning stage in Maryland and New York. Several natural gas pipelines are being built from the shale fields in eastern Pennsylvania to the NY-NJ metro area, including PennEast and Mariner East. These pipelines will provide fuel for natural gas plants in NY-NJ to meet peak demand. Therefore there is no need to build an lng terminal in the ocean off New Jersey to meet peak demand. Natural gas coming from Marcellus shale costs approximately \$3 per billion cubic feet. Liquefaction of natural gas, transporting it in a seaborn vessel and then converting lng back to natural gas is a very costly process. Bloomberg Markets in May 2014 quoting NERA Economic Consulting study, reported that this process adds \$6 to \$8 per million BTUs to the price of natural gas. Liquefied natural gas for NY-NJ metro area including Long Island is not economically viable and will not be able to compete with the natural gas and natural gas generated power becoming available from Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. If this permit is granted and Port Ambrose terminal is built, it will cause major disturbance of the sea bed and interfere with the sea faring traffic, fishing and tourism industry and will become an eyesore and eventually fall into disrepair and disuse. This permit should not be granted.

IND1676-2

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IND1676-1 See response to FA4-2 for a discussion of purpose and need, and peak demand.

IND1676-2 Thank you for your comment.

IND1677-1 See response to IND24-1.

IND1677-2 See response to IND23-1.

IND1677-3 See response to IND24-3.

IND1677-4 See response to IND24-3.

IND1677-5 See response to IND275-1.

IND1677-6 See response to IND24-6.

IND1677-7 See response to IND93-3.

IND1677-8 See response to IND71-1.

IND1677-9 See response to IND26-3.

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Julia Worcester

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Mar 18, 2015, at 11:03 PM ET

Comment

My name is Julia Worcester, I am a native New Yorker, and I want Governor Cuomo to veto the Port Ambrose LNG deepwater port for the following reasons:

IND1677-1 1. LNG released into the environment is highly flammable and unsafe, and poses an explosion risk.

IND1677-2 2. LNG tankers and facilities pose serious security risks, and are vulnerable to terrorism. Port Ambrose would be located just miles from NY/NJ Harbor, JFK Airport, and located between channels for commerce including chemical oil tankers. It is irresponsible to site a potential terrorism target like this near a residential and commercial hub.

IND1677-3 3. LNG is a disaster for our climate and steers us away from efficiency, conservation, and renewable energy.

IND1677-4 4. Liberty Natural Gas Port Ambrose is a secretive corporation of nameless backers based in the Cayman Islands that refuses to disclose who they are and their financial investors.

IND1677-5 5. LNG Port Ambrose would industrialize our ocean, harm marine life, and impact fishing.

IND1677-6 6. LNG Port Ambrose would put coastal communities in jeopardy from hurricanes and storms.

IND1677-7 7. Exporting LNG would cause hydrofracking to increase across the region.

IND1677-8 8. LNG Port Ambrose is exceedingly likely to become an export facility that would drive up energy costs for families who use natural gas in the region.

IND1677-9 9. LNG Port Ambrose would create only six (6) long-term jobs; a real green energy future including energy conservation and renewables will create thousands of high paying, permanent jobs.

I am a college student and climate change will greatly alter the future that I will live in. Natural gas is a bridge fuel to nowhere.

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IND1712

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Re: Docket number USCG-201300363

IND1712-1 The Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Port Ambrose fails to establish a need for imported LNG in the downstate New York and Long Island markets.

The statement in the DEIS that "natural gas demand in the lower 48 states has exceeded supply in four out of the last nine years" is true, but it is also misleading. Because of a sharp increase in domestic production, natural gas supplies have consistently outstripped demand for the past four years, and this trend is likely to continue for decades to come. In fact, the federal Energy Information Service predicts that the U.S. will become a net exporter of natural gas by the end of this decade.

As domestic supplies of natural gas have increased, demand for imported LNG plummeted by 92% between 2007 and 2013. All five LNG import facilities along the East Coast are in decline, and the two existing deepwater ports on the East Coast (both located in the vicinity of Boston Harbor) have essentially been put out of business by the domestic shale gas boom. One deepwater port, Neptune LNG, suspended operations in 2013 after years of inactivity. The other, Northeast Gateway, has received only one shipment of imported LNG since 2010. Two of the three land-based facilities, Cove Point, Maryland, and Elba Island, Georgia, have also seen sharp declines in LNG imports and are seeking to export LNG overseas.

The specific claim in the DEIS that "the target market does not have sufficient infrastructure" to transport gas to the end users" is false. An April 2014 report by Concentric Energy Advisors makes it clear that several existing pipelines can be readily expanded to deliver additional supplies. The Concentric report also notes "market area natural gas storage could also provide numerous benefits to the NYC/LI Metro Region," yet the DEIS fails to consider the impact that a new regional gas storage facility will have on the target market.

IND1712-2 Apart from being unnecessary, Port Ambrose would also pose an unacceptable risk to the public. LNG is a known terrorist target, and yet the DEIS fails to analyze some obvious scenarios that could put American lives and property at risk. For example, there are well over a dozen small airports within the vicinity of Port Ambrose that provide little in the way of screening or security. What is to prevent a terrorist from loading a small plane with explosives and flying it into a 900-foot long vessel and detonating more than 5 million cubic feet of liquefied natural gas? And what would it cost the American taxpayer to adequately protect the public from such attacks?

IND1712-3 Finally, the DEIS also makes the unsupported claim that "natural gas is also a smaller contributor to greenhouse gas than fuel oil or coal." In fact, there is a growing body of

IND1712-1 See response to FA4-2 for a discussion of purpose and need, and peak demand.

IND1712-2 See response to CO139-6.

IND1712-3 See response to IND11-2.

Identical Submissions (Form Letters)

- Jennifer Clark, IND1713-1, USCG-2013-0363-2113
- Kathleen Bowers, IND1714-1, USCG-2013-0363-2113
- Mike Lu, IND1715-1, USCG-2013-0363-2113
- Erin Heaton, IND1716-1, USCG-2013-0363-2113
- Valerie Carlisle, IND1717-1, USCG-2013-0363-2113
- Craig Henkle, IND1718-1, USCG-2013-0363-2113
- Jill Greenberg, IND1719-1, USCG-2013-0363-2113
- Bill Ferullo, IND1720-1, USCG-2013-0363-2113
- Lucinda Haag, IND1721-1, USCG-2013-0363-2113

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evidence that fugitive emissions of methane associated with the extraction and transmission of natural gas make it even more destructive than oil or coal from a greenhouse gas perspective. The emerging science in this field should be carefully considered, not ignored.

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Re Support for the Port Ambrose Project

Dear Governor Cuomo,

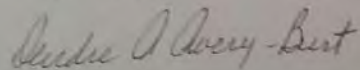
I am a person who has been working and living in New York all my years. In my adult life I have been working in the field of healthcare as a Microbiologist at a major Long Island Hospital system for close to 30 years. I have recently partnered with a wellness company and started producing a health and wellness internet TV show. My goal is to educate our people who are coming down with so many diseases because of the environmental stressors placed on us in this society. Unfortunately some companies are polluting our food sources with chemicals and unnecessary additives.

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Energy is an important life source for living I believe this Port Ambrose Project will help our people have a better quality of life. This project will help take some of the everyday stressors away. We need your help and support to implement this project.

Thank you in advance for your support in the Liberty Port Ambrose project.

Very truly yours,



IND1722-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 When we get around to the speakers,
2 which is real soon, what is going to happen is
3 you are going to come up here to the podium. The
4 mic goes on, let me turn it off because I don't
5 want to get a back feed. Just leave it there.
6 We actually tested it, and it is going to work a
7 lot better if you just leave it in that one
8 position. If you are standing here and you have
9 got the mic, I will be your timekeeper.
10

11 With that, any quick questions? I
12 have got time for one question. Does anyone have
13 a burning question?

14 A SPEAKER: Why do we have to
15 leave at 10 o'clock? That only leaves 200
16 minutes for 100 speakers. That is two minutes
17 apiece.

18 MR. OLSEN: We are starting with
19 three minutes. We are going to get started. We
20 are going to begin. Our first speaker is
21 Assemblyman Phil Goldfeder. When each speaker
22 comes up, say your name, your organization, and
23 if you would, spell your name very quickly. Then
24 that is when your time starts.

25 ASSEMBLYMAN GOLDFEDER: I am Phil

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Goldfeder. I am a New York State Assemblyman representing southern Queens and Rockaway. In addition to being an Assemblyman, I am lifelong resident of Rockaway, and now I am proudly raising my two kids in the neighborhood. Let me thank you, to start, for doing the absolute minimum possible to receive community input.

Some people clapped when you talked about 30 days. To me, that is not a victory, that is not something to be proud of. As government officials, people who work for the government, our job is to work for the people. We go to our capitals or City Hall or Albany or Washington, and our job is to make sure we are doing the best we can to be accessible, and to do the best we can for our representative peoples who we serve. Quite frankly, 90 days for a project like this, that could terrorize our families, is unacceptable.

Number two, I represent over a dozen communities that are affected. You are going to hear from my colleagues from Long Beach, Assemblyman Kaminski and others, who have dozens of communities of their own, and yet you are

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holding two public hearings and maybe a third, to represent the interests of hundreds of thousands of people who once again have the potential to have their lives endangered. Quite frankly, that is unacceptable. We need to do more. We owe it to the people we are here to represent. Bottom line, there are people here who know a lot more about the environmental, the science and all this, but the bottom line is that LNG is unsafe. It is unsafe for the oceans, it is unsafe for the environment, and quite frankly it is unsafe for my family and the families of the 130,000 people I represent.

We are not going to stand for it.

The few temporary jobs that may come from this is not worth putting my family or anybody's family at risk. We had a conversation in Albany about fracking, and I give the Governor a lot of credit, because we have now put an end to that debate. We are hoping the Governor can take that same leadership to do what Governor Christie did just a few years ago, and stand up and do what is right for the best interest of all New Yorkers. We must say no.

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Finally, I want to say we are not

just talking about communities, beach front communities. We are talking about beach front communities that have recently been devastated by Hurricane Sandy. We have seen first hand what torturing our environment can do to us if we don't take care and we don't prepare and we don't take proper precautions.

Quite frankly, doing this on top of families that have already struggled to put their lives back together is shameful and unacceptable, and we will not stand for it. Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. The next speaker is Assemblyman Todd Kaminsky.

ASSEMBLY KAMINSKY: Good evening. I am Assemblyman Todd Kaminsky. I represent the Long Beach barrier islands. To put it bluntly, the whole process that has taken place thus far and will take place is stupid. We had a hearing a year and a half ago in Long Beach, in one of the beach communities that is most affected by this project. Then a year and a half later, on a freezing day in Jamaica, when people are still away, I drove back from Albany in record time

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because no one was around, you decide to hold a hearing about such an important matter. Then if no one does anything, in a few months, this thing passes. The process doesn't make sense to me, and I am glad that at least we all have this opportunity tonight to tell you how we think about this project.

I had the privilege of running for office recently, and I got to knock on about 4,000 doors in my district, which is a coastal district, and talk to many more thousand people. I didn't meet anyone that was excited about this project or who was for this project. There are a couple of reasons for that.

I think the first is that Hurricane Sandy touched every part of my district in the worst way. We really saw the effects of climate change. It would be one thing if this were a stand alone project, but that this would replace a wind farm, green energy where we should be moving to, that would also provide quality jobs.

(Interrupted by audience.)

ASSEMBLYMAN KAMINSKY: I would like to see us move forward, certainly not stand

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SP2-1 The DWPA of 1974, as amended, was passed to promote and regulate the construction and operation of deepwater ports as a safe and effective means of importing oil or natural gas into the United States. The DWPA requires the Secretary to approve or deny a deepwater port license application. Agency and public participation in the NEPA process is a key component of this process and promotes open communication between the public and the government and enhances decision-making. An overview of the application and review process for deepwater ports is provided in Sections 1.1 and 1.3.

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2 still, and absolutely not move backward. That is
3 what this would mean to me, and certainly people
4 here understand that.

5 The other thing is that we would
6 bear the brunt of any catastrophe, and we not
7 talking about harmless material here. We are
8 talking about highly combustible material, and we
9 are also talking about methane, which is
10 certainly not good for our environment. I don't
11 even know why this is being proposed in this day
12 and age. It should be put down, and I hope
13 tonight we all make our voices heard, so that
14 Albany, Trenton and Washington know how we feel.
15 Thank you.

16 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. The next
17 speaker, Legislator Dave Dennenberg.

18 LEGISLATOR DENNENBERG: I am
19 Legislator Dave Dennenberg. I represent the 19th
20 Legislative District in Nassau County. That is
21 South Shore. That is Freeport, Merrick,
22 Bellmore, Wantagh, Seaford. First, let's have a
23 huge round of applause for everyone who is here.
24 You deserve it. I will say this, although it has
25 been said already. The people that are here on

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- SP3-2 Thank you for your comment. Actual need for energy, or energy demand, fluctuates during the year depending on weather conditions and market conditions dictating industrial and commercial use. The periods in which demand for energy is highest is considered "peak demand". Gas markets follow this same general pattern, resulting in peaks in demand that correspond to system need. As stated in text added to Section 1.1 of the final EIS, peak demand has the potential to burden existing natural gas delivery systems, particularly during periods of extreme temperatures, such as the winter of 2013-14. Diversification of the natural gas supply, including pipeline expansion and LNG imports have the potential to prevent natural gas shortages caused by existing pipeline constraints and to help moderate energy costs.
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- SP3-4 Thank you for your comment. The USCG and MARAD find that the final EIS shows that, with the proposed mitigations, there are no significant impacts to the environment associated with the proposed Project. Specifically, water discharge is permitted under the EPA and Liberty will be required to adhere to Federal and State permits and regulations.

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1 this cold night at this facility deserve more
2 public meetings and more time to be heard,
3 period.
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5 So we hear so much about renewable
6 energy, the jobs it creates, the clean
7 environment that it would promote. So why would
8 you want Port Ambrose? The U.S. is 98 percent
9 self sufficient in natural gas. One of the
10 largest producers is New York State. So why do
11 we want an import facility? Why do we want Port
12 Ambrose? We are told that there is no promise of
13 local jobs, much less permanent jobs. Renewable
14 energy would be, so why would we want Port
15 Ambrose? After Sandy, Irene, 9-11? Why we would
16 want another security risk, so why would we want
17 Port Ambrose?

18 We are told this would not be
19 harmful to the environment. Why would we want 20
20 miles of new pipeline, harming fishing, harming
21 our environment? Why would we want a terminal
22 that would discharge millions of gallons of
23 chemically treated water into the ocean, increase
24 our reliance on methane gas, which has been found
25 by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

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to be 34 times more effective at trapping heat in
our environment than carbene dioxide? So why
would we want Port Ambrose?

Finally, if this again is for
import, why would we displace local production?
Why would we approve Port Ambrose? If it is for
export, thank you, Governor Cuomo, for saying no
fracking. There is no reason for the export.
Finally, this would have an adverse impact on our
environment, this would hurt American production,
this would not be the renewable answer and the
renewable jobs that we want. The bottom line is
there is no reason to say yes. Please say no.
Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. The next
speaker, Delores Orr.

MS. ORR: Good evening, everyone.
My name is Delores Orr, and I am Chair of
Community Board 14, which in New York City, the
City is broken up among Community Boards. So I
represent Rockaway Beach and Broad Channel, along
with 49 other members of the community
representing our interests.

I don't understand why we are here

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again. I thought the last time we talked about this and the Governor vetoed it, we were saved, we were protected. The last project was for export, so what are my concerns here? Besides the environmental, there are people in the audience that can talk more about that than I can. I do not believe that they intend to keep this as an import. I think that ultimately, it will become an export, and they are going to pull the fracked gas from other states, because thank God, Governor Cuomo protected us from fracking at this time.

I am concerned that the Draft EIS does not take into account the change in our coast line post Sandy. That it is going to move the shipping lanes closer to our shore line, that what the Army Corps is studying now protects the south shore of Long Island will change with the creation of this facility. So I urge the Governor again to step up and to just say no. Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Our next speaker is Anthony Eramo.

COUNCILMAN ERAMO: Good evening.

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SP4-1 We understand your concerns; however, Liberty's application is only for the construction and operation of a deepwater port that could only be used as a natural gas import facility. The considerable technical, operational, and environmental differences between import and export operations for natural gas deepwater ports is such that any licensed deepwater port facility that proposed to convert from import to export operations would be required to submit a new license application (including application fee) and conform to all licensing requirements and regulations in effect at such time of application. In addition to payment of the application fee, licensing requirements include, but are not limited to, completion of an extensive environmental impact assessment and financial resources review which would include public participation.

Applications for construction and operation of offshore deepwater port facilities for the export of oil and natural gas from the U.S. to foreign markets abroad would be processed according to MARAD's final policy as described in a notification in the Federal Register (80 FR 26321) on May 7, 2015.

SP4-2 The USCG and MARAD find that due to the distance from shore of the proposed Project, any changes in the New York-New Jersey shoreline post-Sandy would not necessitate any modifications of the proposed Project.

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Anthony Eramo. I am here representing Long Beach. I am a Long Beach City Councilman. I am joined by a couple of my colleagues who will speak next. I am here bringing the unanimous opposition from the Long Beach City Council to this project. I also respectfully request that hold the hearing in Long Beach or somewhere on the South Shore of Long Island so communities at risk can be heard on this project.

I spoke to a lot of folks and a lot of residents about this project, and I represent them, and their concerns are mostly around safety. As you know, we were devastated by Hurricane, Super Storm Sandy, and we still, still have families that are not in their homes, and still reeling from the effects of that storm.

The potential for a disaster at this facility is huge. Whether it is an accident, a mechanical failure, obviously it is a terror target, or it could be a potential terror target and again, an extreme weather hazard. We are greatly concerned about what this facility would do or could do should there be some sort of accident.

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Our economy certainly needs good, well paying, permanent jobs, but this is not the way to get there. In this day and age, we need an investment in conservation and renewable resources. Those are the green jobs that are less protected. Our energy choices do matter. We need to move away from fossil fuels, we need to protect our planet. Our children and our children's children are counting on us. Thank you.

COUNCILMAN TORRES: Good evening.

My name is **Len Torres**. I was the President of City Council in Long Beach during the Sandy Hurricane. One of the things we worried about was that we already have an existing pipeline, it is called the transatlantic pipeline that runs along the Atlantic shore, cuts into Flatbush Avenue, and then comes down Long Beach Road underneath the actual community of the Lompoc area of Long Beach.

As Assemblyman Todd Kaminsky was talking about, this project would be going backward. We were never consulted that this pipeline was coming into Long Beach, and I don't

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2 believe people were consulted either that it was

3 going to be put into the Flatbush Avenue area.

4 The pipeline went up in the early 1960s. No one

5 had any idea of what this was all about. To

6 allow the LNG to now tap into this and to put us

7 all at risk is just irresponsible. Thank you.

8 COUNCILWOMAN ADELSON: I am Fran

9 Adelson, Long Beach City Council. Long Beach

10 has survived near bankruptcy. Long Beach has

11 survived Super Storm Sandy. We will survive

12 this. We cannot allow this to happen in our

13 community. It will destroy us, it will destroy

14 our property values. We are concerned about

15 economic problems in the City, we are concerned

16 about housing. We are concerned about the

17 health, safety and welfare of our residents.

18 This cannot happen in Long Beach.

19 I urge you and actually would demand that you

20 have another hearing, and that you have it in

21 Long Beach within the next 90 days, within the

22 next 30 days. There was no reason to have it

23 here. It was during holiday time, there was not

24 enough notice. You have it in a place where it

25 is very hard for people to get to. We actually

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2 bussed some people in from Long Beach so that we
3 could get some people here. It was unfair to do
4 it this way, in this amount of time. So please,
5 we are demanding to have another hearing in Long
6 Beach. Thank you.

7 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. The next
8 speaker is **Donovan Richards**.

9 COUNCILMAN RICHARDS: Good
10 evening. First, I want to say thank you for
11 hosting this hearing tonight. I think while it
12 is cold outside, there are enough people fired up
13 in the room for this project. I am just going to
14 lay out a few facts that I believe are the
15 reasons that we should not be moving in this
16 particular direction.

17 One is that LNG when released into
18 the environment is extremely volatile, and poses
19 a significant safety risk. Many people don't
20 know this, but once exposed to LNG vapor, LNG
21 vapor is hot enough to melt steel at a distance
22 of 1,200 feet, or result in second degree burns
23 on exposed skin a mile away. The unstable nature
24 of this substance makes it a prime target for
25 terrorists.

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- SP8-3 Thank you for your comment.
- SP8-4 As discussed in Section 1.2 of the final EIS, in processing DWPA applications, the Secretary (through USCG and MARAD) is responsible for complying with numerous federal and state regulations, including NEPA. As such, the purpose of the final EIS is to provide an environmental analysis sufficient to support the Secretary's licensing decision; to facilitate a determination of whether Liberty has demonstrated that the proposed Project would be located, constructed, operated, and, eventually upon retirement, decommissioned, using the best available technology necessary to prevent or minimize adverse impacts on the environment; and to encourage and facilitate involvement by the public and interested agencies in the environmental review process. Therefore, the scope of the draft EIS and final EIS is the proposed Project and does not include an analysis of other actions including the liquefying and transporting of natural gas.

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2 Secondly, the LNG tankers and

3 facilities will pose serious security risks.

4 Considering the proximity of the port miles from

5 New York and New Jersey Harbor, JFK Airport, and

6 located between channels for commerce, including

7 chemical and oil tankers, hundreds of thousands

8 of New Yorkers and tens of millions of dollars in

9 commerce and related revenue will be susceptible

10 to risk.

11 Thirdly, as the Chair of the

12 Environmental Protection Board in New York City

13 Council, the Mayor and my Committee just passed a

14 bill that can send New York City on a course to

15 push for renewable energy, and we have a goal to

16 reduce carbon emissions 80 percent by 2050. By

17 putting this Port Ambrose on line, we are

18 defeating what the City is trying to do, and

19 where we are going as a city in terms of

20 renewable energy. This is not the way to be more

21 efficient. It is not going to help us meet our

22 goals as a city and state that we are pushing

23 for.

24 Natural gas extraction has proven

25 to be the most detrimental environmental impact

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2 to human health and to the environment. The
3 carbon and economic footprint of liquifying and
4 transporting this gas is exorbitant, and the
5 impact on ocean life and the fishing industry
6 will be disastrous.

7 Lastly, I just want to point out,
8 and I know many of my colleagues in government
9 have pointed this out, I represent 160,000
10 people. I represent 40 percent of the Rockaways,
11 and then the other portions of my district,
12 Laurelton, Springfield Gardens and Rosedale. I
13 see ELMO coming up. I represent parts of JFK as
14 well. I want to be very clear that Hurricane
15 Sandy already taught us a lesson, and it taught
16 us a really valuable lesson, that if we do not
17 protect our earth, and if we do not move towards
18 100 percent renewable energy, we are setting our
19 city back, we are setting our nation back.
20 Actually, this year, the United States

21 MR. BORLAND: Sir, your time is
22 up.

23 COUNCILMAN RICHARDS: We are
24 looking to put towards renewable energy, in the
25 climate treaties, and we must move in that

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2 direction. We must divorce fossil fuels and we
3 must have renewable --

4 MR. OLSEN: The next speaker is
5 Rich Thomas. After Mr. Thomas, it will be Denise
6 Ford.

7 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Good evening.
8 My name is Rich Thomas. I am a Councilman in the
9 City of Mount Vernon, and I am Chairman of the
10 Legislation and Public Works which covers
11 infrastructure.

12 (Interrupted by audience.)

13 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Today, I am
14 also here as the Executive Director of New York
15 AREA, Affordable Reliable Electricity Alliance,
16 which is an energy alliance group that represents
17 over 150 members that support this project.

18 (Interrupted by audience.)

19 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: I have a
20 letter that was submitted by one of our affiliate
21 groups, the Retired Military Officers Association
22 that found no real credible threat or risk given
23 to 44,000 voyages conducted by LNG vessels,
24 according to the U.S. Coast Guard. There are
25 extensive protocols and regulated safety zones

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that are in place to make sure that the American public is protected. So I have this letter that I will be submitting on their behalf to you. This is written by Colonel Frank Francois, who oversaw the largest Military Ocean terminal, Bayonne.

Briefly, I have a letter that I am going to submit that has attached to it an issue brief of the polar vortex that outlines the impact of pipelines constraints leading into the northeast that has driven up prices for natural gas that make coal and diesel fuel more tenable and more desirable fuel inputs to run New York City's overwhelming power attachment to natural gas power plants. About 78 percent of power plants in New York City are run by natural gas, dual fuel as well. The same thing in Long Island.

I am going to quote a Newsday article that reported as "this bill just kills me, said William Hill of Wading River, referring to his bill that jumped up to \$435 from \$179 last month." Included in this issue brief, it highlights the threat to electric reliability as well as offers points of information and

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SP9-2 Thank you for your comment.

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2 recommendations on the anniversary of the polar
3 vortex, which is today.

4 Port Ambrose is among the
5 recommended solutions to energy reliability, as
6 it meets system challenges head on in an
7 environmentally safe manner. The project will
8 provide hundreds of union jobs, and \$90 million
9 in direct investments along with goods and
10 services.

11 (Interrupted by audience.)

12 COUNCILMAN THOMAS: Further, no
13 public money of any kind, including taxpayer
14 funds or utility rate increases will be used on
15 this project.

16 On a personal note, my family
17 enjoy's Long Island's pristine beaches, and
18 particularly Long Beach. This summer, I noticed
19 nearly every weekend that there were container
20 ships literally less than 3 miles off the coast
21 of Long Beach. That was done without any public
22 concern for safety or public protest. It just
23 doesn't make any sense that there is opposition
24 at this time. So the bottom line is there are
25 fact based points attached in this polar vortex

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SP9-3 Thank you for your comment.

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Issue brief. There is a picture of the cargo ships less than 3 miles from the pristine beaches of Long Beach right here in this letter. I want to make sure that you all know that New York AREA urges you to move forward with this project for the imminent benefit for the State of New York. Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. The next speaker is Denise Ford.

LEGISLATOR FORD: Good evening, everyone. My name is Denise Ford. I am a Nassau County Legislator, and I represent the Fourth District, which comprises the Long Beach Barrier Islands of Oceanside and Island Park. I represent those 70,000 people, and I have to say that of all the people that contacted my office, not one has echoed any support for this project. Everybody is against it. I can't agree with the speaker before me, but as everybody before him, I can say that I urge that this project be shelved immediately. Let's not put it forth any more.

It seems like I feel as though it is déjà vu, because I remember when I first got elected, they were going to put a floating

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2 terminal, LNG terminal or whatever was the name

3 of it. We got flanked, and we came out against

4 it. It just seems like every time, every couple

5 of years, this issue keeps coming up, and we are

6 becoming weary of it.

7 I think it is about time that those

8 who make the decisions truly understand that this

9 is not wanted, it is not welcome. We do not want

10 it based on security, based on safety, based on

11 the environment. I know there is a promise that

12 it can lead to some jobs, permanent jobs from

13 this project, but we can also obtain jobs through

14 windmills. If we put windmills off shore, I

15 think that would be cleaner, that would be safer,

16 and it would be more welcome.

17 My neighborhood went underwater

18 with Sandy. I still have residents that are not

19 back in their homes, businesses that still have

20 not recovered, and we are tired. We are tired of

21 trying to rebuild. Now to join this fight once

22 again, I have to tell you that we do not want the

23 LNG plant or terminal. It has to stop, it has to

24 end here, never to be revisited again.

25 I ask you, and I hope Governor

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Cuomo hears my voice as well, and hopefully he hears the voices of everybody. There are thousands upon thousands that are against this project. Let's say let's end it, let's move on to a better source of energy, not the LNG. Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you for all the speakers who were elected officials. We are moving to private citizens. The next one up is John Malizia.

A SPEAKER: In the interest of time, could you please list who is coming up so we can be ready. We are wasting time.

MR. OLSEN: John Malizia is next. Next after that is Mary Anne Sullivan, Ling Tsou.

MR. MALIZIA: Good evening. My name is John Malizia. I am from Staten Island. I represent the Fisherman's Conservation Association, the Staten Island Tuna Club, and the Natural Resources Protective Association. As a Staten Islander, we are against LNG. We were one of the first groups that won the battle and kicked out LNG in Staten Island.

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Let's get on with the current issue this evening. I am a fisherman. Let's talk about the fish. The two turret systems are right next to a bunch of wrecks like the Yankee Freighter, Happy Days, Pretty Fast, Light Ship, Bronx, just to name a few that is within a couple of miles of this site.

One of the problems that I have in explaining to people or explaining to the Coast Guard, what are the safety zones. Safety zones are there to protect the ship. They are 1,210 yards set along when the ship is there. When the ship is coming into port, it is two miles ahead, one nautical mile behind, and 750 yards on the sides. How do we know, as fishermen, where they are? Where are going to fish, when are we going to fish, how are we going to fish?

There is no communication how to communicate this information. We have got our fishery, that shows us how we are able to fish and fish well. Another thing is in the dredge. When you are dredging, you are 20 yards off, point 7 miles, nautical miles off the pipeline. When and where, how and why are we going to be

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SP11-1 See response to comment FA6-8 for a discussion of potential impacts due to the implementation of navigational safety measures that would limit certain uses within the Safety Zone, no anchoring area, and areas to be avoided.

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able to fish?

Safety wise, they make a couple of errors, I think. They say that 47,000 years for frequency of vessel collisions. Ambrose Tower was hit in October 1996 by a 750 foot freighter, and again on November 3, 2007 by an 819 foot freighter. Who says that they were the only accidents? We have LNG facilities in Boston. One of them has suspended their operations for five years. Why? I don't know. Is it productive to have an import facility? No. Say no to the Governor. Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Mary Anne Sullivan. After that will be Ling Tsou. After that will be Eileen Goggin.

MS. SULLIVAN: I am Mary Anne Sullivan. I am speaking here for the Rotary for New York State. We hereby submit that the EIS for the Liberty Natural Gas Port, the LNG deep water port license application for the importation of natural gas is incomplete without one, the inclusion of Liberty Natural Gas' financial status, and its ability to take responsibility for the risks and hazards

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SP11-3 Thank you for your comment. Please see the response to SP1-2 for a discussion of safety.

SP11-4 See response to FA4-2 for a discussion of purpose and need, and peak demand.
As stated in Section 1.1 of the final EIS, the increased natural gas supply in New England for the winter of 2014-2015, including LNG imports from the Northeast Gateway Deepwater Port, off the coast of Boston, Massachusetts, contributed to reduced average wholesale energy prices from an average of \$138 per megawatt hour in the winter of 2013-2014, to an average of \$77 per megawatt hour in the winter of 2014-2015 (ISO New England 2015). Increased fuel supply during the winter peak demand directly contributed to the lower price levels in 2014-2015 (ISO New England 2015).

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SP12-1 Thank you for your comment. An important part of the deepwater port licensing application review process is for MARAD to make a determination that the applicant is financially responsible and has the financial resources to own, construct, operate, and decommission the deepwater port at the end of the port's useful life. To satisfy this requirement, MARAD conducts a detailed and comprehensive evaluation of the financial wherewithal of the applicant, its affiliates and corporate owners as well as a thorough assessment of the management and technical expertise and performance of each entity.

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2 presented by this proposed project.
3 Two, a port operations plan is
4 needed and three, an adopted narrative policy
5 which precludes import ports from being switched
6 to export ports without an additional
7 environmental impact review. I am talking about
8 adopted policies. So far, there has not been.
9 The Executive Summary has the
10 responsibility, and it states, the financial
11 responsibility is being evaluated within the
12 narrative needs to be a separate task that would
13 be considered along with the Draft EIS before the
14 final licensing decision. We submit that the
15 financial responsibility of Liberty Natural Gas
16 represents information the public has a right to
17 know, so citizens can evaluate the company's
18 financial reserves, the Port Authority's
19 investment for construction and operations of the
20 port pipeline to LNG regasification vessels in
21 specific, and whether they carry sufficient
22 insurance or on hand cash reserves in case of
23 accidents or malfunctions involving the company's
24 delivery to LNG's port, regasification and
25 further delivery to the existing transport

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SP12-2 The draft DWP operations manual, that was submitted, as part of the Port Ambrose license application, is not publicly releasable because it includes proprietary and highly sensitive information (i.e., Sensitive Security Information protected in accordance 49 CFR Part 1520). If MARAD approves the Port Ambrose project and issues a license, the Applicant will be required to prepare a comprehensive operations manual (refer to 33 CFR 150.15 for required elements of the plan), subject to USCG review and approval before the port would be being authorized to commence operations. Sub-Section 5.3 also addresses port-specific issues to minimize risks and to protect life and property.

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2 pipeline.

3 The Executive Summary also states
4 where applicable, this Draft EIS considers
5 safety, but it does not function as the final
6 safety evaluation. All aspects of port safety
7 are to be addressed in the port's operation
8 manual, which requires U.S. Coast Guard approval
9 prior to the initiation of deep water port
10 operations.

11 Current access to a plan would
12 demonstrate to the public that a viable plan
13 exists to address how these formidable vessels
14 will navigate the shipping lanes, slow, return to
15 port or away from without significantly
16 interfering with commerce, as well as how they
17 would operate under sudden severe weather
18 conditions, and among the planned windmills.

19 On October 16, 2014, MARAD had
20 proposed a change in policy whereby any proposed
21 deep water port involving the export of oil and
22 natural gas from domestic sources within the U.S.
23 will require submission of an export specific
24 comprehensive license application, conforming to
25 all established applicable deep water port

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2 license requirements and regulations, including
3 an Environmental Impact Statement.

4 The League of Women Voters supports
5 in its strongest terms this narrative policy
6 change, and even more strongly recommends that
7 this policy be adopted and in effect.

8 MR. OLSEN: Thank you, ma'am.
9 Your time is up. Thank you. Next is Ling Tsou
10 followed by Eileen Goggin and Catherine Skopic.

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11 MS. TSOU: I am Ling Tsou.
12 co-founder of United for Action. Liberty Natural
13 Gas is owned by Westlake Long Term Opportunity
14 Gold Master, LLC, an investment fund located in
15 the Cayman Islands with unknowable financial
16 assets. This lack of financial transparency
17 leads us to question whether the sponsor will
18 have the financial ability to respond to
19 disasters. This is a great concern which must be
20 addressed.

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21 Right now there is a gas boom in
22 the U.S. We are producing more gas than we can
23 consume domestically. Why would Liberty Natural
24 Gas believe there is market for import of LNG
25 while there are two deep water LNG deep water

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See CO22-1 for a discussion of MARAD's determination of financial responsibility.

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See response to FA4-2 for a discussion of purpose and need, and peak demand.
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ports already built in Boston Harbor that have not imported gas since 2010. If there is no need to import LNG, then there is no need to build Port Ambrose.

The operation of Port Ambrose could severely damage marine ecosystems and the local fishing industries. The area is an important underwater link for sea life, and is in the path of the migration of the North Atlantic White Whale. We must preserve a healthy and balanced ecosystem for the benefit of all living things.

The construction and operation of Port Ambrose LNG project will further aggravate the methane condition, which is a very potent greenhouse gas, and smog in the New York air, while contributing greatly to climate change and extreme weather conditions.

The project Environmental Impact Statement fails to consider the life cycle, air emissions from the extraction, liquefaction, shipping and de-gasification of natural gas that is liquified. The residents of local communities in New York City and Long Island suffered a great deal from the destruction of Super Storm Sandy,

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SP13-3 Thank you for your comment.

SP13-4 Thank you for your comment.

SP13-5 See response to SP1-2.

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2 and many have not yet fully recovered. The
3 majority of the local residents of these
4 communities object to the building of the Port
5 Ambrose LNG project.

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6 The building of Port Ambrose will
7 increase our reliance on fossil fuels, and
8 adversely impact our investment in renewable
9 energy. This Port Ambrose LNG project will also
10 pose a great security risk because LNG tankers
11 and facilities are likely terrorist targets. Due
12 to a lack of demonstrated need and benefit from
13 building Port Ambrose, plus the projection of New
14 Yorker's lives, health, safety, property and our
15 environment, we urge you to decline the
16 application of Liberty Natural Gas for Port
17 Ambrose. We also urge Governor Cuomo to veto the
18 Port Ambrose LNG project. Thank you.

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19 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. The next
20 speaker is Eileen Goggin. After her is Catherine
21 Skopic and then Patrick Robbins.

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22 COUNCILWOMAN GOGGIN: Good evening.
23 Thank you to the Maritime Administration and the
24 U.S. Coast Guard for holding this forum, and
25 listening to my concerns and comments. Also

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SP13-6 Thank you for your comment.

SP13-7 See response to SA4-1 for a discussion of safety.

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2 thank you to everyone who is here tonight,
3 including all of the Long Beach residents who are
4 here to express their concerns and opposition to
5 the Port Ambrose project.

6 My name is Eileen Goggin, and I am
7 here with my daughter Natalie. I am here
8 representing Long Beach as not only a
9 Councilwoman but also as a Long Beach resident,
10 and a mother who cares about the future of Long
11 Beach and beyond. I oppose the Port Ambrose LNG
12 project. There are many negative and dire
13 implications ranging from environmental to
14 security, affecting humans and our wild life,
15 that will potentially occur if this terminal is
16 not stopped from being built.

17 Although the immediate negative
18 impacts will be felt here in Long Beach and its
19 neighboring communities, the implications of this
20 project are far greater and further reaching.
21 Our government, private industries and society at
22 large have made mistakes which have hurt our
23 environment, and have contributed to global
24 warming.

25 We live in a world where we are

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SP14-1 Thank you for your comment.

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 2 vulnerable to not only environmental disasters
 3 but also security and safety threats. We need to
 4 learn from our past mistakes. We are smart,
 5 informed, sensitive, sane, self preserving
 6 people, and as such, intelligent to know that
 7 this project is too dangerous and too risky.
 8 Let's not look back after two or five or ten
 9 years from now and feel guilty or foolish after a
 10 disaster occurs, knowing we could have prevented
 11 it by stopping this project from going forward.

12 I, like everyone else here, cares
 13 about our future and the future of our children.
 14 I implore you to do the right thing here and stop
 15 the LNG project from moving forward. Thank you
 16 very much.

17 MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

18 MS. SKOPIC: Good evening, and
 19 thank you for the opportunity to express
 20 concerns. My name is Catherine Skopic. I am a
 21 union rep, a member of Interfaith Moral Action on
 22 Climate, a former teacher in Mineola and C.W.
 23 Post.

24 We have been blessed with a
 25 beautiful planet on which to live, in one of the

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most environmentally rich states in the nation.

I thank Governor Cuomo for banning fracking and protecting our environment. For the same reasons, I ask Governor Cuomo to veto this LNG plant. You are sitting there, we are here, but we are all on the same side. We share the same fate. I ask you to invest in the future of this

planet by working to establish the wind farm that has been proposed for this location, one of the best sites for off shore wind. A wind farm, as we know, would supply safe, efficient, non polluting renewable energy. In addition, Mike Phillips of the Turner Foundation for Endangered Species has found that renewable energy is the best to prevent pollution, and preserve biodiversity.

Although this request is for import, we all know how easily it can be switched to export. The gas can come from other states where fracking is allowed, and travel through pipelines that have been protested in every area they are proposed. Here is the January 5th article, just two days ago, from the Conestoga Township of Lancaster County in Pennsylvania,

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SP15-1 Thank you for your comment.

SP15-2 See response to CO132-13 for a discussion of the mandated review of deepwater natural gas export ports.

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telling of the protestors trying to protect their
sacred tribal land from drilling, the sacred land
of the Iroquois Tribal Nation. Seneca Lake is
threatened with refuse from it, and some other
states with much more.

In times past, extraction of
resources may have been viewed as morally right.
Now that we know with scientific certainty the
status of our planet and the danger of any
additional fossil fuels being burned, any and
every extraction of fossil fuels and any and
every process that supports it are not only
morally wrong, they could be viewed as evil.
They contribute to the destruction not only of
the environment, but of civilization as well.

It has been said that a prophet is
an ordinary person that sees what everyone else
sees, but has the wisdom to speak the truth. If
this is true, you have before you a prophet in a
room full of prophets who are willing to speak
the truth about the coming disaster if this port
is allowed to go through. It is our public trust
right. It must be vetoed by Governor Cuomo or
Governor Christie, and I ask them to do so. I

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ask you to invest in the wind farm and renewable energy. We have no more time. Our fate is in your hands. Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. The next speaker is Patrick Robbins followed by Claire Donohue and Kim Fraczek.

MR. ROBBINS: Hello. My name is Patrick Robbins. I am from Sane Energy Projects, and we are communications coordinators. The bottom line is that the draft EIS does not satisfy our concerns. Many of you have the same concerns that led the Maritime Administration to delay this process the last time around. The DEIS does not adequately address ambient air quality standards or the impacts on endangered species, as well as a host of other equally important environmental, economic and social concerns which we have been hearing about tonight.

We at Sane Energy Project do not believe that this project is compatible with the larger goal of transitioning to clean, renewable energy here in New York. I want to be very clear that this is a critical moment for our energy

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USCG believes that these issues have been adequately addressed. The USCG is currently engaged in informal consultation with NOAA Fisheries and USFWS regarding the potential impacts, monitoring plans, and subsequent mitigation of the proposed action on federally listed threatened and endangered species. Any consultation would be initiated before the Record of Decision (ROD) on the proposed Project and within the time allowed in 33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq. for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to notify the Secretary that the proposed Project would not conform with all applicable provisions of the CAA, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of the MPRSA and 33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq. All consultation correspondence to date is located in Appendix B of this final EIS.

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1 future. Port Ambrose has been proposed for the
2 same location that the Bureau of Ocean Energy
3 Management is currently considering setting aside
4 for offshore wind power. We know that this area
5 has capacity up to 700 megawatts of wind power.
6 The U.S. Department of Energy has said that wind
7 power in this region has the potential to create
8 40,000 jobs by 2030. So if you want to talk
9 about jobs, those are the jobs that we want to
10 create.
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12 We believe that these are the
13 renewable power goals of the New York City
14 government, the Mayor and the City Council have
15 set for New York City, and the goals that
16 Governor Cuomo himself has set for New York
17 State. The Draft EIS clearly states that Port
18 Ambrose is to be located within the leased areas
19 of that are under consideration by the Long
20 Island New York City Offshore Wind Collaborative,
21 which states that "careful siting would avoid
22 potential impacts."

23 This language is far too vague, and
24 until we have further clarity on what this
25 entails, we cannot take Liberty at their word

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2 that this will not endanger prospects for

3 developing our offshore wind capacity. We do not

4 know what the cumulative safety impact for siting

5 these projects so close together would be, nor do

6 we have an accurate measurement of jobs and

7 economic opportunities that would be lost on Long

8 Island if Port Ambrose does put wind prospects in

9 jeopardy.

10 As far as New York City is

11 concerned, the New York State Independent System

12 Operators have noted that we need 400 megawatts

13 to come on line by 2021. This can be met by

14 offshore wind energy provided we start now, and

15 do not endanger our prospects for wind

16 development.

17 It is important to note here there

18 that the NYISO have also stated that we are in

19 great shape in terms of reliability and gas

20 capacity. In effect, we would be endangering our

21 prospects for developing an energy resource that

22 we do need for one that we don't need at the

23 expense of our safety, our public health and our

24 economy. Thank you.

25 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. The next

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The environmental effects of construction and operation of the NYPA offshore wind energy project would be considered cumulative with the Port Ambrose project if it is built and operated. However, we do not believe at this time that this project is reasonably foreseeable so it was excluded from a full review in the Port Ambrose cumulative impacts analysis. See final EIS Sections 2.2.3.1, 3.7.1.9, and 6.1.1.6.

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2 speaker is Clare Donohue, then Kim Fraczek, then
3 Matt Gove.

4 MS. DONOHUE: Hi, I am Clare
5 Donohue from Sane Energy Project. I am the
6 program director. I grew up here in Rosedale,
7 just the other side of Kennedy Airport. If you
8 have lived in Rosedale, you have lived with
9 planes flying over all the time, every Saturday
10 night. I am very familiar with the record of JFK
11 on this area. All of the planes that fly up the
12 east coast into JFK are directed, and there are
13 three points where the planes are all directed in
14 order to line up for landing and take off.

15 The point that is called Yankee is
16 located in the ocean approximately where the two
17 pipelines would meet. So it is where the New
18 York lower lateral would meet the proposed
19 pipeline. It is very, very close to these buoys.

20 My concern is that these boats that
21 come in with LNG, they are not escorted by the
22 Coast Guard. They are unprotected. In order for
23 someone to react, should something happen with
24 these ships, there is not going to be enough
25 time. The Council on Foreign Relations has

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1 stated that the amount of time that it takes for
2 a speeding boat to attack one of these tankers is
3 less than two minutes. There is no way that the
4 Coast Guard could get there in time to protect
5 it.

6
7 Now we have planes flying overhead.
8 The planes themselves are at risk. Then you have
9 planes which we know can be used as bombs. So to
10 me, this is a massive security concern that this
11 is being proposed at the busiest international
12 airport in this area, with two other airports
13 that, should anything happen, would also be
14 affected. So I really thank think that in your
15 review, you really need to take a much closer
16 look at the effects on JFK on this project.

17 The other thing I want to address
18 is where is this gas coming from? Liberty's web
19 site first said that they were going to get the
20 as from Trinidad and Tobago. The company that
21 this paper corporation came from in Canada was
22 sued by their investors when they said that they
23 were going to bring gas from Trinidad and Tobago,
24 that this was not an economically viable plan.

25 Then they changed on their web site

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SP17-2 Thank you for your comment.

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1 saying they were going to bring the gas from the
2 Gulf Coast, from an export terminal in America
3 that is not yet built, up the coast. After the
4 Draft EIS came out, they removed all mention of
5 where the gas was coming from. I think you must
6 insist on knowing where is this gas coming from.
7 Are they exporting it from America to America?
8 That can't be.

9 The last thing is where ever this
10 gas comes from, it is going to create climate
11 change. If it comes from Trinidad, if it comes
12 from the Gulf Coast, sea level rising is a real
13 issue here on Long Island, and you must not
14 approve this project. Thank you very much.

15 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. The next
16 speaker is Kim Fraczek and Nat Gove. After that
17 is Jennifer Scarlott.

18 MS. FRACZEK: I am very impressed
19 with the fact that you can pronounce my last
20 name. My name is Kim Fraczek. I am a resident
21 of Brooklyn, New York, and I work as an outreach
22 coordinator for Sane Energy Project, as well as
23 working with several diverse community groups in
24 our region as an educator and organizer. I am

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SP17-3 Thank you for your comment.

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here today to address several issues about the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. But with respect to time, I will focus on just a few points, and submit more lengthy comments in my written testimony.

I understand that you have accepted our request for an additional hearing in New York, but declined our request to have a hearing in central Manhattan. This already poses problems for our state. It tells me that you don't want to hear what the public has to say about the LNG port, given the time constraints the people here today, and of several parents, hundreds of working people who would like to participate in this process but cannot because of the difficult location where we had to spend money to rent cars and coordinate expensive buses just to be present.

I request that you push to hold hearings in every borough, as well as surrounding New York and New Jersey communities. We need hearings on the environmental impacts of the LNG port that is near to easy public transportation. If you need help finding locations, I can assure

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you many people in this room will help you do that. Further, I appreciate the 30 day extension of your comment period. However, 90 days to review a 25 lengthy volume information about this LNG port, while the public is busy working to pay their bills and feed their families, is no where near sufficient time to possibly digest this information and form meaningful comment.

Per the DEIS, I am concerned about the health impacts that we would putting on the human, marine, plant food community. I see there is insufficient information about how the air quality monitoring is to be placed to establish a base reading. I quote form the DEIS, "no air quality monitoring stations are located in the immediate vicinity of the proposed port facility, and no offshore data are collected." When mentioning studying ambient air quality from the shoreline, "monitoring is primarily for pollutants known as criteria air pollutants. These pollutants include nitrogen dioxide, sulfur dioxide and carbon monoxide."

Given that Liquified Natural Gas will emit high doses of methane, how are you

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Baseline air quality in the Project area has already been established. Section 3.11 of the final EIS identifies the ambient air quality monitoring stations that were selected, and presents the existing ambient concentrations for monitored pollutants at these stations. Because no offshore air quality monitoring stations exist in the Project area, data from nearby onshore monitoring stations were used to estimate existing background air quality. The use of onshore stations is conservative because offshore pollutant concentrations will generally be lower than at onshore locations. Local concentrations of methane are typically not monitored, because methane is not a toxic substance, nor does it present any immediate health or safety risk at existing ambient concentrations. Methane's chief environmental impact is as a contributor to global warming and climate change, which occurs on a global rather than local scale. Measurement of local methane concentrations at offshore or onshore locations near the Project site would provide no environmental or health benefit.

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 2 monitoring them? We would like the base reading
 3 of methane of the immediate vicinity as well as
 4 the shoreline and inland. Why should this be too
 5 much to ask? Liberty Natural Gas wants the
 6 financial benefit from our locations to turn a
 7 profit, and they are not suffering health
 8 impacts. I will submit my further comments in
 9 writing.

10 MR. OLSEN: Thank you very much.
 11 The next speaker is Matt Gove. Then Jennifer
 12 Scariott followed by Margery Schade.

13 MR. GOVE: Hello. I am Matt Gove
 14 from the Surfrider Foundation, and I live in
 15 Brooklyn. We have got a lot of people here
 16 tonight, and we are concerned about this project,
 17 because it is basically gambling with our ocean
 18 economy. According to the National Ocean
 19 Economics Program, the ocean economy of New York
 20 is worth \$20 billion per year. That is fishing,
 21 that is recreation, that is shipping, that is
 22 tourism. So this is a big gamble for about six
 23 permanent jobs.

24 As far as the DEIS, we aren't
 25 looking at the environment and cumulative health

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effects of an accident. Everyone is assuming that this project is just going to run smoothly. In 1944, Cleveland, Ohio, an LNG tank fails, 128 people killed. 1973, Staten Island, 40 workers died in an LNG tank explosion. More recently, 2004, in Algeria, an LNG vapor cloud exploded and 27 people died. 2014, Washington State, pipe explodes at LNG facility, five workers injured by fire. They are just inherently dangerous, these projects, and it is not worth the risk, the risk to our communities and our environment for a bunch of people to make money from a different country, not local people.

I have a message on the back of my paper, so I am going to read it. It is from John Dixon, and he says "Liberty says there is a need for this project for importing foreign fossil fuels. When has there ever been a need to make the U.S. more energy dependent?" That is all I have to say.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Jennifer Scarlott. Following that is Margery Schade, and then Merle McEldowney.

MS. SCARLOTT: My name is Jennifer

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SP19-2 See response to SA4-1 for a discussion of safety.

SP19-3 Thank you for your comment.

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2 **Scarlott**. Thank you for this opportunity. I am
3 here on behalf of my family, and a new climate
4 justice organization in the Bronx called Bronx
5 Climate Justice North. We were formed as a
6 result of our mobilizing efforts for the people
7 of Bryant Park. We are an environmental and
8 climate justice organization in the northwest
9 Bronx with nearly 100 members. We stand in
10 solidarity with the people of Long Beach and the
11 South Shore.

12 I wish to stress the strongest
13 possible opposition to the Port Ambrose proposal.
14 As I wrote these comments earlier today, the
15 street directly outside my windows in the Bronx
16 is once again being torn up by ConEd, who are
17 installing gas pipelines in my neighborhood.
18 This and the Port Ambrose proposal are actually
19 violence against common sense, and against the
20 planet that is experiencing runaway global
21 climate change.

22 There are almost too many arguments
23 against the Port Ambrose facility to count. That
24 such a project is being proposed at all, and is
25 requiring the valuable time of local citizens,

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1 committed activists, conscientious politicians
2 such as Scott is unconscionable, given that our
3 attentions and energy should be focused upon
4 creating an economy based on renewable energy.

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5 I am going to cut it short for some
6 of the people who want to speak, but the gas
7 pipelines that are being connected on my street
8 and the push to put a deep water gas port off the
9 shores of New York City are acts of violence and
10 indeed terrorism against people and the planet.
11 I don't use these words lightly. We are at a
12 crossroads on this planet. A rare moment where
13 human actions within a brief span of time will
14 decide the fate of our species and the fate of
15 all species.

16 In the interests of profit and in
17 the face of the vast wake of science based
18 evidence that the continued reliance on fossil
19 fuels like natural gas are pushing planetary
20 systems into runaway prophecies of global
21 warming, private companies like Liberty are
22 pushing forward with riskier energy projects that
23 endanger lives, livelihoods and the local and
24 global environment. On behalf of Bronx Climate
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SP20-1 Thank you for your comment.

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Justice North, who have signed more than 100 activists for climate justice, I urge you that this proposal be seen for what it is, an egregious example of placing profits over people and the future. Thank you.

MR. BORLAND: Thank you. The next speaker is Margery Schab. Then followed by Merle McEldowney, and then Edith Kantrowitz.

MS. SCHAB: My name is Margery Schab. I am a Board Member of Damascus Citizens for Sustainability. The accumulated environmental impacts this project will have on this populous region and global impacts must be examined. I am going to cut this short because I want other people to speak too.

In the DEIS, there are blurs and tricks. For example, in the summary, short term negligible effects on air equipment during construction will result from air emissions of noxious oxide, volatile organic compounds, carbon, sulfur dioxide.

What defines negligible? Also, "controlled devices are available to greatly reduce these emissions." Greatly reduce from

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The determination that air pollutant emissions from project construction will have negligible health impacts is an engineering judgment. This judgment is supported by the temporary nature of the emissions, the fact that offshore construction emissions will occur relatively far from population centers, and the fact that total construction emissions for most pollutants will be below the thresholds for which EPA requires further analysis. Construction emissions of NOx will exceed 100 tons during calendar year 2017 in the NY-NJ-Long Island ozone nonattainment area. The project is therefore required to mitigate the impact of these emissions by purchasing NOx emission offsets equaling or exceeding the NOx construction emissions for 2017.

The comment about control devices appears to refer to the discussion on page ES-13, regarding the reduction of NOx emissions from closed-loop LNG vaporization. The LNGRVs will be equipped with selective catalytic reduction (SCR) control devices to reduce NOx emissions from the vessels' boilers and engines while moored at the port. The SCR devices will remove an estimated 93.5% of the uncontrolled NOx emissions from the LNGRV boilers, and an estimated 83.8% of the uncontrolled emissions from the LNGRV diesel engines. The operational NOx emissions presented in Section 4.10 of the final EIS represent the controlled rates. Actual LNGRV NOx emissions will be measured by permanently-installed exhaust gas analyzers and by periodic third-party testing at the exhaust stacks. Computer modeling of potential operating emissions has been performed as part of the permitting process to demonstrate that maximum pollutant concentrations at overwater and shoreline locations will not exceed federal and local standards for protection of human health and the environment.

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2 what to what? How is this measured, how are they

3 to be used? In Section 2.2, 1.7, it states that

4 "shall include vaporizers, would be the most

5 environmentally preferable technology, even

6 though they would have impacts on marine systems

7 and water quality, and result in air emissions."

8 The quantification of impacts say

9 only estimates with pleasant words like "pure,"

10 "short term," "reduced," "negligible." When is

11 the process actually going to measure these

12 deleterious environmental effects, and what are

13 the enforcement measures for larger impacts,

14 especially if they are not measured?

15 I ask you to consider the

16 environmental risk of increased toxic air

17 emissions, including methane and toxic nitrous

18 oxides against the doubtful need of additional

19 natural gas supplies to downstate New York?

20 Consider the terrorism possibilities well

21 detailed in the DEIS, Section 5. I ask you to

22 judge these aspects and respect the humans rights

23 and welfare against the desire of West Basin

24 investors in this enterprise to generate more

25 business for their holdings. The answer is

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SP21-2 The determination that air pollutant emissions from project construction will have negligible health impacts is an engineering judgment. This judgment is supported by the temporary nature of the emissions, the fact that offshore construction emissions will occur relatively far from population centers, and the fact that total construction emissions for most pollutants will be below the thresholds for which EPA requires further analysis. Construction emissions of NOx will exceed 100 tons during calendar year 2017 in the NY-NJ-Long Island ozone nonattainment area. The project is therefore required to mitigate the impact of these emissions by purchasing NOx emission offsets equaling or exceeding the NOx construction emissions for 2017.

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SP21-3 Thank you for your comment.

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clear. Veto this application of West Basin
Liberty Natural Gas requesting permission to
build an LNG import facility at Port Ambrose.
Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Before you
start, Edith Kantrowitz will be next, and then
Mary Ellen Cronly.

MS. MCELDOWNEY: Hello. My name is
Merle McEldowney. I want to briefly tell you of
something very dramatic that happened in my life
three months ago. My daughter gave birth to a
baby girl. This little girl, Thea, is really
very lucky. She was born in a wonderful, rich
country. Because of her parents and her
grandparents, she is pretty much guaranteed the
really wonderful necessities of her life. She
will never have to worry about housing, food,
clothing. She will have access to a decent
education. But my fear for her is for two things
that are necessary for a happy life. Will she
have to struggle for clean water and clean air to
breathe?

Which brings me to the proposal we
are talking about today. I believe it is a

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proposal that puts these two basic elements at risk. It is fairly universally accepted by most people that fossil fuels are the cause of global warming and climate change. I believe that the only people that don't accept that are the people making money off of it and the politicians that they are buying.

It is also generally understood to be responsible for polluting our water supplies. From individual wells in Pennsylvania to large bodies of water in Alaska and the Gulf Coast. I have in my hand a proposal that was made to a presentation to the League of Women Voters in November 7, 2013. In this proposal prepared by, it doesn't really say who it was prepared by. It says Port Ambrose. The name of the company that prepared it is totally missing. In it, it says that they are going to spend \$600 million to build a pipeline to provide gas for 25 days of peak oil. Does anybody really believe that?

The risk of natural gas is huge, but there is a better way. For Thea and for the children and grandchildren of everyone in this room who are lucky enough to have them, we need

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SP22-1 Thank you for your comment.

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2 wind farms that can supply all the children of
3 our nation with clean water. The wind and the
4 sun are not going to be used up. We don't need
5 to allow a company like this to poison our water
6 and our air.

7 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. The next
8 speaker is Edith Kantrowitz.

9 MS. KANTROWITZ: Hi, my name is
10 **Edie Kantrowitz**. I am president of New York City
11 Friends of Clean Water, and a Board Member of
12 United for Action, but I want to speak to you
13 primarily as an individual. Like so many others
14 in this room, and so many others in the
15 community, I am vehemently opposed to the
16 proposed Port Ambrose LNG project. This project
17 does not serve the public interest, and the
18 public does not want this project. It is
19 unnecessary, and extremely dangerous.

20 I will be submitting more detailed
21 comments about this today, and I would just like
22 to make a few brief comments. LNG is highly
23 flammable and does present a serious explosion
24 risk. This means that in addition to the
25 potential for ordinary accidents, these

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2 facilities present an obvious and extremely
3 desirable target for terrorists. Terrorist
4 groups like Al Qaeda have indicated a very real
5 interest in attacking LNG tankers.

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6 In a worst case scenario, an LNG
7 tanker could be hijacked and brought to densely
8 populated areas on the South Shore, or even in
9 upper New York harbor before being made to
10 explode, causing thousands of deaths. JFK
11 Airport and the commercial shipping lanes in our
12 harbor all contribute to making this a totally
13 unacceptable location, if any location was
14 acceptable for such a dangerous facility. Why
15 would you want to place a giant bomb in our
16 harbor? We refuse to stand for it. It will
17 negatively affect our marine life, our fishing,
18 our shipping, our recreation industries.

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19 Meanwhile this seaport is discharging large
20 quantities of chemically treated sewage, and will
21 become more and more toxic, and for no good
22 reason, because we don't need LNG. We are in a
23 glut of shale gas in this country, and everyone
24 knows it.

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25 We don't trust this corporation,

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SP23-2 See response to SA4-1 for a discussion of safety.

SP23-3 Thank you for your comment.

SP23-4 See response to FA4-2 for a discussion of purpose and need, and peak demand.

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1 Liberty Natural Gas. Why are they so secretive?
2 Why are they afraid to reveal who they really
3 are, who are their backers and investors? What
4 we do know is that this project will only create

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5 six long term jobs, which probably won't go to
6 local residents anyway. It probably won't go to
7 union members around here anyway. I am almost
8 certain that they won't. We know that the
9 temporary construction jobs associated with this
10 project will be located further upstate, and in
11 Rhode Island, where construction is scheduled to
12 planned place.

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13 We also know that we can't continue
14 to rely on fossil fuels like shale gas and LNG.
15 We are continuing to accelerate climate change
16 and invite more super storms, when we could be
17 focusing instead on making the transition to
18 renewables that we need so urgently.

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19 We have been told that it is not
20 relevant or appropriate at today's hearing to
21 discuss that the LNG port will tremendously
22 increase shale gas fracking in the northeast. We
23 are expected to believe that Port Ambrose is
24 intended solely for import, and will not be

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SP23-5 See CO22-1 for a discussion of MARAD's determination of financial responsibility.

SP23-6 See response to SP1-2.

SP23-7 Thank you for your comment.

SP23-8 See response to CO132-13 for a discussion of the mandated review of deepwater natural gas export ports.

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2 switched over to bring Liberty profits from
3 exports. I am from Brooklyn, but if anyone can
4 say that this project is not ultimately intended
5 for export, then let me show you that I have got
6 a nice bridge that we have got for sale.

7 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Let me
8 list several of the next speakers. Mary Ellen
9 Cronly. After her will be Sharon Goldstein,
10 Andrea Leshak, Bruce Rosen, Pat Almonrode and
11 Yuki Endo.

12 MS. CRONLY: I am Mary Ellen
13 Cronly. I am a volunteer with United for Action.
14 Locating more and more facilities so close to
15 this large population, one was just built under
16 lower Manhattan, and there are more that were
17 built or being proposed, is too dangerous. Has
18 there been a real study of how locating so many
19 facilities so close to this large population, or
20 will the study be done after there is an
21 accident? The accident I think will be more like
22 a nuclear disaster than the previous accident.

23 Also, once the infrastructure is
24 built, it could easily be converted to export
25 fracked gas. They only need to apply for a

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SP24-1 Thank you for your comment.

SP24-2 See response to SP23-8.

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2 license, and the rules for granting a license can
3 be changed. The political climate can change,
4 and the public is largely at the mercy of the
5 corporate pressures that are put on the political
6 process. They could speed up the licensing
7 procedure at their mercy, and we just have to
8 spend so much of our time fighting these forest
9 fires instead of doing what is important,
10 promoting alternative energy.

11 MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

12 MS. GOLDSTEIN: My name is Sharon
13 Goldstein. I am a Board Member with United for
14 Action, a group that does education around
15 environmental issues. I am here today to oppose
16 the Port Ambrose LNG facility. LNG is a disaster
17 for our climate, and steers us away from
18 efficiency, conservation and renewable energy.
19 It is sited where a wind farm has been proposed.

20 I am here asking you to honor the
21 words of all the elected officials who have
22 spoken here today, as well as many of the people
23 who before me, with the exception of maybe one or
24 two, and to take seriously their comments, and to
25 hold additional hearings in the Sandy impacted

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SP25-1 See response to SP23-7

SP25-2 Thank you for your comment.

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2 Rockaways. Thank you. I am making my statement
3 brief so that more people can speak.

4 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Andrea
5 Leshak.

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6 MS. LESHAK: Good evening. My
7 name is Andrea Leshak. I am with the Natural
8 Resources Defense Council. The proposed Port
9 Ambrose facility raises a number of serious
10 concerns. For one, the facility would continue
11 our dependence on dirty greenhouse gas emitting
12 fossil fuels. We all know that climate change is
13 real, at least I hope, and we know it is serious.
14 This is especially evident to the folks in New
15 York and New Jersey. We cannot allow the
16 development of a project like Port Ambrose that
17 will continue our reliance on fossil fuels, that
18 continue polluting our air and our habitat on our
19 planet.

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20 Secondly, not only would this
21 project continue our reliance on fossil fuels and
22 counteract efforts elsewhere to reduce greenhouse
23 gases, it would actually directly interfere with
24 the much needed and publically supported
25 development of clean, offshore wind energy.

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SP26-1 Thank you for your comment.

SP26-2 The environmental effects of construction and operation of the NYPA offshore wind energy project would be considered cumulative with the Port Ambrose project if it is built and operated. However, we do not believe at this time that this project is reasonably foreseeable so it was excluded from a full review in the Port Ambrose cumulative impacts analysis. See final EIS Sections 2.2.3.1, 3.7.1.9, and 6.1.1.6.

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The preferred, proposed location, as we know, is literally smack dab in the middle of the proposed location for the Long Island to New York Alternative Project. This project is designed to generate up to 700 megawatts of power. It would be the height of irony and a damaging environmental policy to permit the construction of a fossil fuel import facility over a much needed and publically supported offshore wind facility.

Finally, I would like to note that an alternative location also proposed in the Draft EIS, known as Setting Area D, is closer to Long Island. This also doesn't appear viable, and it also raises serious concerns. Quite frankly, there is no simple location for this LNG facility here or anywhere in New York or New Jersey waters. Allowing this facility to be built would be putting New York in the opposite direction of where we need to go. Governor Cuomo has just made a significant and courageous decision to ban fracking in New York. The federal government and Governor Cuomo should now veto this project, and follow through on the

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2 promise of clean energy. Thank you.

3 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next is
4 Bruce Rosen. After Bruce will be Pat Almonrode.

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5 MR. ROSEN: Bruce Rosen. I grew
6 up nearby in Laurelton, which is now represented
7 by Councilman Richards, the able Chair of the
8 City's Council Environmental Committee. I hope
9 you will honor his request to have a hearing in
10 the Sandy Impacted Rockaways.

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11 This facility is named after the
12 missing lighthouse, Ambrose Light. The original
13 facility, which was staffed, was destroyed by
14 tankers. The subsequent electronically operated
15 one was also destroyed by tankers. Nowhere in
16 the EIS is there any mention of the difficulty of
17 the passage through there, nor any of the giant
18 "County Macks," tankers and cargo facilities that
19 are going to be passing through there. Some of
20 them are actually deeper than the draft of the
21 channel.

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22 The Port Authority actually blasted
23 through the Killbank Kull to make a way to Port
24 North and Port Elizabeth, and found that it
25 wasn't deep enough. They are lifting the Bayonne

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SP27-1 See response to SP25-2.

SP27-2 Thank you for your comment.

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Bridge over 50 feet, something that has never been done, at a cost of \$1.3 billion.

Everyone has heard several times mentioned those two facilities in Massachusetts Bay that were closed. One opened in 2008, the other in 2010. They were off the port of Gloucester, and that was one of the ports that Tetra Tech, the firm that did the EIS, identified as optimum for the State of Massachusetts to base offshore wind power in. Kind of ironic. The U.S. Department of Energy, since Moniz took over, has granted almost four dozen permits for export in gulf ports alone. That is for LNG export. So I think that there is a definite need to update this information.

With the size of the vessels to be impacted on the ocean, this is going to an area that has marine mammals that are on the endangered and at risk lists, in the most crowded metropolitan area that was hit by three 500 year storms in a row. So I thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

MR. ALMONRODE: Hi. My name is **Pat Almonrode**. I am a volunteer member of 350NYC.

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SP27-3 See response to FA4-2 for a discussion of purpose and need, and peak demand.

SP27-4 The USCG is currently engaged in informal consultation with NOAA Fisheries and USFWS regarding the potential impacts, monitoring plans, and subsequent mitigation of the proposed action on federally listed threatened and endangered species. Any consultation would be initiated before the Record of Decision (ROD) on the proposed Project and within the time allowed in 33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq. for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to notify the Secretary that the proposed Project would not conform with all applicable provisions of the CAA, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of the MPRSA and 33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq. All consultation correspondence to date is located in Appendix B of this final EIS.

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350NYC is a local affiliate of 350.org, which is the international organization, which is primarily focused on climate change. It is in that context that I would like to make my remarks.

Simply put, it is well past time to stop investing in fossil fuels, and the infrastructure needed to extract, transport and burn those fuels. It is now unmistakably clear that if we continue to treat our atmosphere as an open sewer for carbon dioxide, we will irrevocably alter our planet, and impair its ability or perhaps destroy its ability to support life.

We cannot keep doing this, and yet Liberty is asking to be allowed to build a facility that, even if all goes according to plan, cannot possibly recoup its investment for a number of years, years that we don't have. A facility which they clearly intend to operate as an import port, wink, wink, for years to come.

Liberty's investment, in other words, is intended to lock us into precisely the wrong course of action. The sad irony has been

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mentioned already, is that this project would make impossible, or at least would make much more difficult, a much better use for this same site.

A use which would put us on the right path forward, an off shore wind farm.

So looked at in isolation, as the EIS process practically guarantees, this process may have, in some sense, some minimal impacts. For instance, the buoy system is certainly preferable to building an offshore island. But looked at in the larger context, which I would argue is the essential context, this project would have an undeniably negative impact on the environment. It should not be built, and it must not be granted a permit. Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. We have several other speakers coming up. Yuki Endo should be next. After that, Kate Stigdon, Stephanie Low, Beverly Birks, Susan Spieler, Bonnie Lowenstein.

MR. ENDO: My name is Yuki Endo, resident of Jackson Heights, Queens, and member of the Long Island Bus Riders Union.

I am outraged with the LNG proposal

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because it will pollute our oceans, Atlantic and Pacific oceans. Our beaches across Atlantic and Pacific Oceans attract many residents and tourists. Many of Long Beach and Jones Beach are busy with tourists during the summer season, but if beaches are closed due to polluted water,

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these towns will lose business. Since waters are connected to everywhere, just like a nuclear radiation disaster, pollution could spread across the world. Please keep our water safe and don't pollute our water. Please don't put any oil facility in the vicinity of New York State, and stop the pipeline, nuclear energy and coal pollution. Water pollution, air pollution or radiation pollution is not safe for us and our children, especially people with asthma or people who can't travel in sunlight. Yours truly, Yuki Endo.

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MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Our next speaker should be Kate Stigdon. Then Stephanie Low and Beverly Birks.

MS. STIGDON: Hi. I am going to kind of yell, because I want everybody to hear me. I was born and raised in New York State, and

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I spent a good part of my life in other places in this country. I watched in the past five years Montana and North Dakota and other places become sold out and ruined.

I am here to make a very brief statement. I came over from Tarrytown. I am surprised that my fellow Westchester people are not here, but it is partly because we heard about this very late. I am here to say just one thing. I support everything that everyone has said. When I heard about this project, I thought it was ludicrous. I thought it was criminal, and very, very dangerous. I am not a scientist, like everybody always says now, and we all know we are not. But this is the best way to put it, like a little ad I have seen over and over, what sane civilization poisons its own water, and what sane civilization would endanger our Atlantic Ocean and the people here? Stop this project. Wind power.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

MS. LOW: My name is Stephanie

Low. I am a volunteer with the Sierra Club, and a resident of New York City. The headline is why

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2 is the Port Ambrose LNG project risky. Although
3 LNG is non flammable in its liquid form, it is
4 highly volatile during the time it changes from
5 liquid to gas. If the tanker were ruptured, the
6 LNG would form a vapor cloud. Theoretically,
7 this would evaporate at sea, but not if an
8 ignition source is at hand. Emeritus research
9 professor James Jay at MIT, whose specialties
10 include atmosphere dispersion of air pollutants
11 and the safety of Liquified Natural Gas points
12 out the risks. "Should one of these vapor clouds
13 catch fire, the results could be catastrophic."

14 A 2004 study by the Sandia
15 Laboratories, a division of the Department of
16 Energy, suggested that such a fire would be hot
17 enough to melt steel at distances of 1,200 feet,
18 or result in second degree burns on exposed skin
19 a mile away. To continue with the quote, "he
20 says this would be bigger than any industrial
21 fire which we have experienced. There is no way
22 to put out that kind of a fire."

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23 Such vulnerability makes Port
24 Ambrose an obvious terrorist target, as so many
25 people have pointed out. Al Qaeda has

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SP31-2 See response to SP13-7.

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specifically cited LNG as a desirable target, especially the ships. To build such a facility near New York City, the busiest harbor on the east coast, and near a flight path of three major airports, as indicated in prior discussions, is reckless. The Council on Foreign Relations has said that the most feared impact would be one in which terrorists might tow an LNG tanker into a populated area, such as the upper New York Harbor, where it could be used as a massive bomb threat.

In an article about two costly LNG terminals that sit idle, that were built earlier at a cost of about \$750 million, when the bottom fell out of the natural gas market, neither offshore terminal received a drop of imported fuel in more than two years. Now the companies are stuck with \$750 million worth of unused buoys and pipes sitting idle in the ocean.

The same article talks about the gas terminal in Boston Harbor, where shipments to the facility arrived in huge tankers, but that because of terrorist concerns required a small navy of Coast Guard ships and other armed

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SP31-3 See response to FA4-2 for a discussion of purpose and need, and peak demand.

As stated in Section 1.1 of the final EIS, the increased natural gas supply in New England for the winter of 2014-2015, including LNG imports from the Northeast Gateway Deepwater Port, off the coast of Boston, Massachusetts, contributed to reduced average wholesale energy prices from an average of \$138 per megawatt hour in the winter of 2013-2014, to an average of \$77 per megawatt hour in the winter of 2014-2015 (ISO New England 2015). Increased fuel supply during the winter peak demand directly contributed to the lower price levels in 2014-2015 (ISO New England 2015).

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2 escorts. We don't want to do this. Thank you.

3 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Beverly

4 Birks. After Beverly will be Susan Spieler.

5 MS. BIRKS: My name is Beverly

6 Birks. I am in agreement that this is a dreadful

7 idea, to have Port Ambrose. I will point to the

8 cause of the ban, which has only recently been

9 lifted. We have had a ban in New York State for

10 LNG since the early 1970's. This was put in

11 place because of a massive explosion when workers

12 were there putting up a facility that had already

13 been vacated. In the process of so doing, this

14 explosion took place and I think 40 people died

15 or something.

16 The government came in and

17 investigated why did this explosion happen. It

18 must have been negligence, something went wrong.

19 No, they couldn't find any negligence. It was

20 spontaneous combustion, that nobody and nothing

21 was at fault. It was the nature of LNG. It is

22 explosive. Without any provocation, it can take

23 off, and it did, and it gave us a ban.

24 Why have we lost our ban? I think

25 I could give you a lot of reasons, but I think in

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SP32-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 the interest of time, I will give you a quote
2 from Pope Francis, our new Pope. An economic
3 system centered on the god of money needs to
4 plunder nature to sustain the frenetic rhythm of
5 consumption that is inherent to it, and the
6 monopolizing of land, deforestation, the
7 appropriation of water, inadequate agra projects
8 are some of the evils that tear man from the land
9 of his birth. Climate change, the loss of
10 biodiversity and deforestation are already
11 showing their devastating effects in the great
12 cataclysm we have witnessed. This port is one
13 more of these problems. Thank you.

14 MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

15 MS. SPIELER: My name is Susan

16 Spieler. I am a clinical psychologist from New
17 York City, and I am here to represent the mental
18 health aspects of climate change as relates to
19 Port Ambrose. We rarely discuss this, but it has
20 a very significant impact on mental health, to
21 think about terrifying projects like Port
22 Ambrose.

23 The first time I heard of Port
24 Ambrose, I was terrified. Imagine having
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1 tankers the size of the Empire State Building.
 2 filled explosives just off shore in Long Beach.
 3 It is just unimaginably terrifying. So I am here
 4 to say that as a clinical psychologist, I am part
 5 of a cadre of mental health professionals that
 6 have special training to work when there are
 7 times of crisis in New York City. I was deployed
 8 during post Hurricane Sandy in an emergency
 9 shelter, where all I saw were mental health
 10 impacts, people who were disrupted. Who doesn't
 11 get completely overwhelmed when their home is
 12 lost, when they have to move out immediately with
 13 hardly any belongings? Children have to change
 14 schools in the middle of the school year, and
 15 don't know where they are going next week.
 16 I wonder what happened to those
 17 children that I met with that day. I wonder
 18 where are they, and do we possibly imagine that
 19 the trauma of those experiences does not linger
 20 for their whole lives if we don't provide good
 21 mental health care for them? Are we providing
 22 good mental health care in this country? No.
 23 Those kids, I worry about those kids that I met
 24 then.

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What about this project? One

explosion, everybody will hear about it, even if the children, the teenagers, aren't right on the front lines in Long Beach, we will all hear about it. Those children and my daughter was of the generation that was in elementary schooling when 9-11 happened. So I saw the impact of crisis on kids. So I am going to stop now. We need to stabilize our climate, not add things that can create disruption. Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Bonnie Lowenstein and Shyama Orum.

MS. LOWENSTEIN: Hi. My name is Bonnie Lowenstein, and I speak as a concerned citizen and as a volunteer with United For Action.

Port Ambrose represents many kinds of insanity and injustice. It would damage the local environment and fishing industry. Despicably, it would jeopardize hundreds of those thousands of coastal Long Island residents who were and in many cases still are devastated by Super Storm Sandy. It would menace the metro area's people, air traffic and commercial

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SP33-1 Thank you for your comment.

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SP34-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 shipping because it is a tempting terrorist
2 target, and because of the risk of accidental
3 disaster made more likely by super storms.
4 Ironically while posing a greater danger because
5 of extreme weather, which is itself is worsened
6 by fracking's methane emissions, this facility
7 would break the aggregate climate change because
8 of the huge carbon footprint of Liquified Natural
9 Gas, besides the climate affects of fracking.

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10 In short, we don't need to pretend
11 the import facility that would further kill our
12 climate, encourage fracking, endanger the public,
13 prevent the building of a proposed wind farm, a
14 sane form of energy, enrich a nameless few and
15 provide a whopping six permanent jobs.

16 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Before the
17 next speaker, let me give you the next several.
18 It will be Judith Canepa, Joan Beard, Donna
19 Stein, Eric Weltman, Alex Stavis.

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20 MS. ORUM: Hi. I am Shyama Orum,
21 and I live in Manhattan, and I oppose the Port
22 Ambrose project, because it would prevent us from
23 seizing an opportunity to build a wind farm in
24 the nearby waters. A wind farm that would

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SP34-3 See response to SP13-7.

SP34-4 Thank you for your comment.

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SP35-1 See response to SP26-2.

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2 provide us with clean energy, and preserve our
3 water ways.

4 Our citizens overwhelmingly oppose
5 Port Ambrose. The question and comment period
6 saw over 24,000 comments against Port Ambrose
7 from the public against 17 for it. That is a
8 ratio of over 1,400 to one. Port Ambrose would
9 irreversibly damage our maritime environment to
10 the profit of a foreign corporation. Isn't it
11 interesting that Liberty National Gas won't even
12 tell us who their owners are, though we know they
13 are not American. Port Ambrose would bring in a
14 dangerous fuel that we don't need. One that
15 accelerates climate change.

16 I lived through Super Storm Sandy,
17 and I see that we must move to renewable energy
18 now. I want that wind farm instead of Port
19 Ambrose. I want you to put the needs of our
20 citizens over the profits of a foreign fossil
21 fuel corporation. You are our Coast Guard, our
22 Maritime Agency. I urge you to act on our behalf
23 and reject Port Ambrose.

24 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. That
25 brings us to Judith Canepa.

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SP35-2 See response to SP13-3.

SP35-3 See response to SP23-5.

SP35-4 See response to SP34-4.

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MS. CANEPA: Judith Canepa, We are going to talk about safety and environmental issues, and the national public interest. I am cofounder of the New York Climate Action Group, and a member of the New York City Safe Energy Coalition.

(Interrupted by audience.)

MR. OLSEN: Everybody please take your seats again, and we will have our speaker start over. We are only doing speakers in the order that they signed up.

MS. CANEPA: I do not cede to the gentleman in the back.

MR. OLSEN: Just start over.

MS. CANEPA: Judith Canepa, Cofounder of New York Common Action Group, member of the Coalition Against the Rockaway Pipeline, a member of the New York City Safe Energy Coalition. We are going to talk about safety issues mostly, and also about the environmental aspects of the Liberty Port Ambrose, and the national public interest.

First safety. The idea of building a massive construction off the busiest waters off

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See response to CO132-14 for a discussion of extreme weather conditions which could potentially impact the deepwater port and mitigation measures that would be implemented to avoid damage to an LNGRV or the deepwater port.

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the coast, along the busiest waters of our nation's coast, near a global financial capital presents issues of such enormous magnitude that it is shocking. For one thing, we are in a climate with flood zones, as we all know. When we determine a 100 year storm, that doesn't mean that the storm only happens in 100 years. A 100 year storm means that there is a one percent chance of that storm taking place in one year. There is a 50 percent chance that storm is going to happen in 50 years, and so on.

However, those numbers have changed. The 100 year storm doesn't have a one percent chance of happening in one year any more. Those numbers are going up. The shape of our water basins are changing. The sea floor is shifting. Things are changing. If we are talking about these things moving around in our coastal waters, near fisherman, near boaters, near ocean liners, near tankers, near what the gentleman from Mount Vernon pointed out as container ships, it is not just a matter of the Liberty tankers coming and going. It is a matter of what happens during these storms if one of

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2 these ships is blown off course.

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3 One of the things about wind farms
4 is that the wind turbines stay put. They are not
5 floating, giant, poisonous liquid gas bombs
6 moving around in the water. They stay in one
7 place. Finally, I just want to say how
8 preposterous and hallucinatory some of the
9 arguments that were made, which was that we would
10 be economically better for us to import gas than
11 to produce and process our own gas. I didn't
12 understand that. That is kind of a fairly tale.
13 Thank you very much.

14 MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

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15 MS. BEARD: Hi. My name is Joan
16 Beard, and I am a resident of New York City, and
17 I think there should be a hearing in New York
18 City. I live 300 yards from the prospective
19 pipeline, and having that infrastructure
20 installed in my neighborhood, I learned a lot
21 about the environment and the problems with
22 fracking and massive releases of methane gas.
23 There should not be any LNG port anywhere. We
24 should stop using fossil fuels. The release of
25 massive amounts of methane gas is incompatible

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SP36-2 See response to SP26-2.

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2 with many species, including humans. So I look
3 forward to seeing this project put down, and
4 moving forward with renewable energy. Thank you
5 very much.

6 MS. STEIN: Hello. My name is
7 Donna Stein, and I am a Board of the New York
8 City Friends of Clearwater. New York City
9 Friends of Clearwater is an environmental
10 educational organization founded by the great
11 environmental activist, Pete Seeger. I am also a
12 member of the New York City Safe Energy
13 Coalition.

14 Pete's heart fought hard for the
15 protection of New York waters. Introducing
16 chemicals and volatile gas to our waters cannot
17 possibly help but impact people, land, air,
18 wildlife, water. Our interest in protecting the
19 future depends on it.

20 I want to tell you today how
21 impressed we are, I am with the engineers of this
22 project. Indeed, it is state of the art, but it
23 is not the art that is missing. If the interest
24 is the protection of jobs, these engineers can be
25 better utilized working on green jobs; solar,

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2 wind, wave energy. We need to give these
3 engineers something better to do. We want jobs,
4 jobs that support the future of this planet.

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5 This goes back to there needs to be
6 regulations showing the sane knowledge that
7 accidents are possible. The risk is not worth
8 the reward. Stop this madness. Cuomo, Christie,
9 veto this project and all infrastructure projects
10 that threaten our people, our land, our country,
11 our world.

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12 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next will
13 be Eric Weltman. After that, Alex Stavis,
14 Emmanuel Jenkins and Sheila Geist.

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15 MR. WELTMAN: Good evening. My
16 name is Eric Weltman, and I am a Senior Organizer
17 with Food and Water Watch. When Liberty Natural
18 Gas said this project is for importing natural
19 gas, don't believe them. If Port Ambrose is
20 approved, sooner or later, this project will
21 surely be converted into an export facility.

22 That would mean an increased demand
23 for fracking throughout the northeast, and that
24 is unacceptable. Fracking is an inherently
25 dangerous and polluting drilling method that puts

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SP38-2 See response to SA4-1 for a discussion of safety.

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our health, water and climate at risk. Port Ambrose equals fracking, Port Ambrose equals fracking. I want to urge Governor Cuomo to continue doing the right thing on this issue by rejecting Port Ambrose. We are in a region that was hard hit by Super Storm Sandy. Climate change is a reality for the communities that were victims of this devastating storm. Port Ambrose would deepen our dependence on the dirty fossil fuels that cause climate change.

Several weeks ago, Governor Cuomo made the courageous decision to defy the interests of the oil and gas industries, and to protect public health and the environment by banning fracking in New York. We are hopeful that Governor Cuomo will maintain his leadership in rejecting fracking, preventing climate change and reducing our dependence on dirty fossil fuels by vetoing this dangerous project. Port Ambrose equals fracking, and fracking equals climate change.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

MR. STAVIS: Good evening, and thank you for the opportunity and the ability to

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1 speak. My name is Alex Stavis. I am an
2 engineer. I am going to talk on a topic that
3 nobody has talked about here. I have been
4 trained as both a mechanical and civil engineer.
5 I have worked in factories. We all know that
6 nothing lasts forever. We all know how many
7 faulty things are put out in society. We all
8 know, for instance, all the cars that are
9 recalled because of faulty problems where
10 companies don't want to admit it. We all know
11 how often things break. Anything that can from a
12 coil to a compressor to what have you breaks, and
13 we all know how long it takes to get a new car
14 fixed, or bumbles along until it gets broke so it
15 breaks again so you have to get rid of it,
16 because nobody can take care of it. It becomes
17 unviable.

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19 Now let's imagine where that car
20 would get fixed by taking it to a local service
21 station. What happens to those wells that are
22 underground in the water that break? We don't
23 know how long it is going to take divers out to
24 fix them. Couple that with how much natural gas
25 then gets spilled into the environment. It will

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SP40-1 Thank you for your comment.

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2 ruin the fishing industry, ruin the tourism
3 industry, ruining everything else. We need to
4 take into account for this.

5 Also coupled with the fact we have
6 a glut of oil, as we have seen by oil prices
7 going down, and remember please that natural gas
8 is what drives oil up, so every time you drill
9 down for that oil, you have natural gas. As
10 such, we have got the oil prices and the gas
11 prices falling. Why do we want to build
12 something that is going to be an environmental
13 disaster and an engineering disaster, when we are
14 not going to use it? Hence, where are we going
15 to go, what guarantees do we have that that
16 facility is going to be maintained?

17 Now let's look at another thing.
18 One ounce of natural gas that is spilled through
19 a leak, we don't know how long it is going to
20 take divers to get down there to fix that leak,
21 if it is possible to fix it. That natural gas is
22 compressed 600 times. We have the equivalent of
23 600 ounces being displaced of natural gas into
24 the environment, destroying the fishing,
25 destroying the tourism. Is it worth it? I ask

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SP40-2 See response to SP23-4.

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SP40-1 Thank you for your comment.

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2 you to reconsider and say no to this project.

3 Thank you.

4 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. The next
5 speaker should be Emmanuel Jenkins. After him
6 will be Sheila Geist, Nikita Scott, Michael
7 Broschstein.

8 MR. JENKINS: Thank you. My name
9 is Emmanuel Jenkins, and I would like to just say
10 that to me, this is personal. I worked for the
11 Maritime Administration from 1971 through 1995,
12 so I have been retired for 20 years. I was
13 Director of Admissions at the U.S. Merchant
14 Marine Academy at Kings Point.

15 When I say it is personal, my son
16 is a graduate of the academy, and he is currently
17 sailing as a chief engineer on a MARIS ship,
18 which is 963 feet long. It carries 4,400
19 containers, and safety is the most important
20 thing that you look for in the kind of people
21 that they have selected, when he is on regular
22 missions. Some of you may be familiar with Mark
23 Kelly, who was the astronaut, Gabby Giffords'
24 husband. I selected him in 1982. He graduated
25 in 1986, and he flew the last mission for NASA.

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I am concerned because of the safety. In sorting through the publications from the academy, in 1984, I produced this particular bulletin. On the inside of this porthole is an LNG Ares. That is the ship that was close to 900 feet long, and it operated mostly in Japan. My son served on that ship. So my concern is the safety. If there is an accident, and most accidents that happen during the debunkering or refueling and degasification, as you might call this, for this particular one. That is what happens when you have scales. So that is my concern, mostly. So I would like for Ms. Fields to take this back and show it to the Maritime Administrator.

Energy renewals, I personally have three panels on my house in Syosset. I just bought a Tesla, greatest car ever. Believe me. Go with renewals.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Sheila Geist. The next speaker after Sheila is Nikita Scott. Is Nikita Scott here?

MS. SCOTT: My name is Nikita Scott, and I am volunteer and LNG representative

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2 for the Surfrider Foundation of New York. The
3 Surfrider Foundation fights to defend the future
4 of our oceans, beaches and waves from the Port
5 Ambrose project.

6 Years ago, New York beaches were
7 considered too unsafe for use. Today, our oceans
8 and beaches facilitate many recreational
9 activities, and are playing a huge part in
10 improving related industry. We should be
11 celebrating this, but instead we are faced with
12 the prospect of Port Ambrose.

13 Port Ambrose will dredge up over 20
14 miles of sea bed, and years of pollution are
15 buried underneath. It will excrete millions of
16 gallons of chemically polluted sea water into our
17 oceans, and create underwater noise pollution.
18 The chains that would be part of Port Ambrose
19 will constantly move and scrub the sea beds,
20 disrupting the threatened ecosystem.

21 Port Ambrose will leave a huge,
22 dirty and permanent footprint on our coastline.
23 The effort and determination that has taken to
24 get to the point where we are at now will be in
25 vane if Port Ambrose is allowed to go ahead. We

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SP42-1 Thank you for your comment.

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are being asked to sacrifice our beaches and oceans to LNG when there are other, more suitable options that are available to us, such as solar and wind. These options have less than no impact on the ocean, and are compatible with the fragile ecosystem that is part of our safety net.

The effort to clean up our oceans not only is consistent with a growing number of New Yorkers that are visiting our beaches, but we have detected a number of whales who also have been visiting our coastline. In 2014, Boston Whales, a local whale watching company, states that there are 106 whales sighted off our shores. Many of those were in the site proposed for Port Ambrose. This is an increase from five whales in 2011. That is an increase of over 20 times.

This is a huge indication of how the ecosystem is thriving, as clear water has resulted in an abundance of fish to support these whales that are not only passing through but returning again and again. We have been able to come back from a point of no return when it comes to the pollution of our oceans. But we must not rely on that and be expected to do this again.

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2 It doesn't seem right to start this process and
3 threaten our oceans and stress our marine life.

4 Our oceans and beaches are an asset
5 to this state and its people, and should be
6 treated with the care and respect that they
7 deserve. Our government has a sworn duty to
8 protect our oceans and beaches, and preserve them
9 for not just us but for future generations.

10 Thank you.

11 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next is
12 Michael Broschstein and then Clark Rhodes.

13 MR. BROSCHSTEIN: Good evening.

14 My name is Michael Broschstein. I am a life long
15 resident of New York City, also originally from
16 Brooklyn. I believe that the people behind Port
17 Ambrose are very smart business people. I also
18 believe that they have learned, as anybody who
19 has been around, you don't buy high and sell low.
20 You try to buy low and sell high.

21 I went to the Federal Energy
22 Regulatory Commission web site, FERC, as it is
23 known. They have there a beautiful graphic
24 scenery scene on their web site, and it is called
25 World LNG estimated December 2014 landed prices.

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It is very clear, and very easy to read. It shows all the prices in the major markets of the world. Lo and behold, in the United States, the prices are a half or a third of prices of places outside of the United States.

So I think it is a little disingenuous to think that they expect people to believe that they are operating an import facility that people are going to buy, that business people are going to buy LNG at a high price, bring it to the United States, and sell it at a low price. I just can't believe it.

This is not short term. This wasn't just December prices. It is a long term trend. Someone referred to the Boston facility, which hasn't really imported LNG in a long time. That is an economic argument, but it also goes to the environmental issue, which is what you are dealing with. Because Port Ambrose is proposed for the same basic area as a wind turbine farm, one displaces the other.

So it becomes an environmental issue because you are basically restricting the ability of the safe and clean energy project to

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SP43-1 See response to SP23-8.

SP43-1 See response to SP26-2.

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2 be built by one that wouldn't be. People have
3 referred here to the potential environmental
4 risks of having an LNG facility, and I am not
5 going to repeat any of those.

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6 Turbine wind farms also need
7 workers, hopefully union, to build facilities and
8 to operate, so it would probably generate just as
9 many jobs. Therefore, I would suggest that for
10 your group, there is an option of doing nothing.
11 I know it is one of the options you consider if
12 you approve this. I suggest you seriously
13 consider doing nothing and simply say nothing is
14 better than this. Thank you very much.

15 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Clark
16 Rhodes. After Clark Rhodes is Epifamos
17 Bevilacqua.

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18 MR. RHODES: My name is Clark
19 Rhodes, and the name of my paper is LNG is a
20 Terrorist Wet Dream. My notes for this short
21 paper, I have and I will give to anybody who
22 wants it. See me later.

23 In 1977, the Coast Guard did a
24 study of 100,000 cubic meters bursting from a
25 ship, and there were four models that came from

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it, how much danger there would be. MIT did 127 miles. Bureau of Mines did 76 miles, and the Coast Guard did 26.2 miles. That was for 100,000 cubic meters. A modern ship has 266,000 cubic meters. That means the zone of vapor and death would be 50 miles. That turns me to a comment by Senator Kennedy. The late Senator Ted Kennedy said I will tell my colleagues our state knows, as every other state that has an LNG facility knows, that if we were to have an explosion, it would decimate a 50 mile radius. The 27 miles that the Coast Guard said in 1977 turns out to be 52 miles. They seem to be in agreement. 52 miles would take out New York City.

David Scott with the Coast Guard said there is no such thing as a terrorist proof ship. Stephen Flynn, a retired Coast Guard officer, said a bold out of the blue, fast boat loaded with explosives and suicide bombers is likely to evade most small Coast Guard patrol craft, which were designed primarily for safety patrols, not armed combat.

It would take an outboard powered boat packed with explosives traveling 50 miles an

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1 hour less than 21 seconds to pass through the
2 Coast Guard security zone of 500 yards. I heard
3 750 yards, so that goes to 37 seconds. Cindy
4 Hearst is a Lieutenant Commander in New York's
5 Navy Reserve. Despite the myriad security
6 measures in place, it would be difficult to
7 thwart people willing to die to carry out an
8 attack. An attack such as 9-11, and the bombing
9 of U.S.S. Cole serves to remind us that events --

11 MR. OLSEN: Thank you very much.
12 Your time is up. Sir, your time is up. Thank
13 you very much. Thank you, sir. ELMO. Sir,
14 please submit in writing. Thank you very much.

15 MR. BEVILACQUA: Epifamos
16 Bevilacqua, I own a house in Valley Stream, and
17 I also live in upstate New York. In order to get
18 this natural gas, they sacrifice a lot of human
19 lives every time they drill a well for natural
20 gas. All we are doing is fueling this economy
21 with fossil fuels, and killing people for
22 generations to come. This is generational
23 suicide. It shouldn't be done, and we should bet
24 renewals. We just keep on building more
25 infrastructure and more pipelines, more

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2 compressor stations that blow up all over the
3 place in the United States. It has to stop and
4 it has to end. We don't need more
5 infrastructure.

6 Why put more citizens at risk? You
7 saw 9-11, you saw Sandy. I came down from
8 upstate and I checked out Sandy in Long Beach and
9 stuff. I feel for these people in Long Beach. I
10 have seen the devastation, taking garage doors
11 out, sand from the ocean washed up on shore. I
12 have been around, I know the landscape. A lot of
13 you don't know the landscape in Pennsylvania,
14 Ohio, West Virginia, Arkansas, and everywhere
15 they are drilling, there is risk. All the gag
16 orders, there is 80 percent of gag orders in
17 Pennsylvania. That is why they are not speaking,
18 that is why they are not here tonight, and they
19 are not coming to the Board meetings. We have
20 Board meetings and politicians that don't listen.

21 What are you going to leave your
22 own grandchildren? It is a shame what you people
23 do and the power you have to take the money from
24 the corporate and keep running. You can't run.
25 Your generation is going to pay for it, the next

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2 one that is coming. I have a one year old
3 grandson. What are we going to leave them? We
4 will put in a 30,000 horsepower compressing
5 station in Franklin, New York. When it blows
6 out, oh, you have to take your family and run
7 out. Nobody is telling you that. I speak to the
8 EPA, DEC. We don't see it being done. We have
9 to stop fossil fuels.

10 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Let me
11 just go over the names coming up. Joe Hartigow
12 is next. After that is Jessica Roff, Ann
13 Lazarus, John Weber and Nick Lynn. Then Greg
14 Naham. So right now should be Joe Hartigow.
15 Okay, Jessica Roff.

16 MS. ROFF: Hi. My name is Jessica
17 Roff, and I work for New Yorkers against
18 Fracking. I am a fourth generation Brooklynite.
19 I am here as a New Yorker to say that New York is
20 at a critical juncture. We have to submit to a
21 future of renewable energy, and not one that is
22 tethered to the fossil fuel path that is
23 dangerous and keeps us within perpetual cycles of
24 climate change, and climate change exacerbated
25 storms like Hurricane Sandy.

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Without a doubt, we should be able to say that it is time to move forward. I am going to cite a number of references from the EIS, because that is how this was laid out, but I want to start out by saying that the questions that are asked are the wrong questions. The dichotomies are false ones. The lack of the big picture and the cumulative impact studies are totally negligent on your part. This doesn't get to the questions that we need to be asking. We need real and substantive change. We can't have business as usual, and I encourage you to think about that when you are evaluating the EIS and our statements moving forward.

Cumulative impacts are things like how the different stages of this development impact the water or the air or the marine life. They need to be looking at all of those. Guess what? Air, water, marine life, they all work together, and if you look at them separately, you are not addressing the big picture. You are not getting the best information possible. You have to look at it differently when you are looking at other things like renewable energy versus not

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2 renewable energy.

3 This talks about the air pollutants
4 that are greater from coal and oil than natural
5 gas. That is a myth. Natural gas is not clean,
6 it is not safer, it is not better. We need to
7 get away from it. It is also a fossil fuel. It
8 is methane. Methane is up to 86 times more
9 potent of a greenhouse gas than carbon. We can't
10 afford to just keep talking about carbon. We
11 have to talk about methane too. It is a huge
12 problem. When you are talking about the addition
13 of liquified natural gas, it is up to 40 percent
14 more impactful than domestic shale production.
15 That is a huge problem. All of the releases of
16 carbon and methane and greenhouse gases, they
17 continue to exacerbate climate change. They dig
18 all of these problems that we are constantly
19 dealing with. The communities that are going to
20 end up dealing with this the most are the ones
21 who are still not recovered from Sandy. That is
22 insane. The definition of insanity is doing the
23 same thing over and over again, expecting
24 different results. If you keep building the same
25 fossil fuel infrastructure, we are going to be in

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the same position, and we are not going to be getting any better.

There is a question of whether this is in the national interest, and is consistent with national security, national policy goals and environmental quality and energy sufficiency. Clearly the answer to that is no. This is a major terrorist target. Every dollar and every day that we spend wasting time on this is dollars and days that we are not moving forward in a way that is actually safe and productive. There is nothing about this that leads to energy efficiency or self sufficiency. Now is the time to make the change, and we have to stop thinking that we will have answers good or fast or reliable. None of those are true. Now is our chance that we can make the changes and move into building our renewables.

This project is not going to come on line for four or five or six years. That is not meeting our immediate energy needs. So what can we get accomplished with that, in renewable energy in four or five or six years? So much, but everyone thinks because this is what we have

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2 been doing, we keep doing it. That is no longer
3 the answer. We have to get rid of LNG, and say
4 no to Port Ambrose.

5 MR. OLSEN: Thank you very much.
6 Anne Lazarus is the next speaker. After that is
7 John Weber. After John Weber will be Nick Lynn
8 and then Greg Naham and then Jim Brown.

9 MR. WEBER: I am John Weber. I
10 work for the Surfrider Foundation, and our
11 mission is protecting the world's oceans, waves
12 and beaches. I am going to talk about the
13 process. By the process, I mean you five people
14 there. I am the kind of guy that says you are
15 hard working people, you are public servants, you
16 are just doing your job, and you are probably
17 working pretty hard. My man here has been on his
18 feet for two hours. This stenographer over here,
19 he had to keep up with that last speaker, and
20 that was pretty hard. His fingers are tired.

21 But I believe in the process of
22 setting the date for this hearing, that you
23 failed, and here is why. I would think in your
24 job of setting the hearing date, the first thing
25 you would do is make sure there are no federal

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2 holidays. There is no federal holiday today.

3 Check, good job. The second thing I think you
4 checked for were religious holidays, maybe in
5 your own religion. Also check, pretty good job.

6 The thing I would think you would do is make sure
7 there are no other federal agencies holding
8 public hearings tonight, and on that point, you
9 have failed.

10 Because Rebuild by Design is a
11 project of Housing and Urban Development, HUD, a
12 federal agency. Rebuild by Design is about
13 rebuilding better from Hurricane Sandy. I am not
14 going to restate whatever was said already about
15 Hurricane Sandy. The communities you have been
16 hearing from tonight are reeling, some of them
17 still reeling from Hurricane Sandy. Yet, Rebuild
18 by Design had a public hearing tonight in
19 Rockaway Beach. It is nice that 300 people came
20 out here, and I would say that 300 to one in
21 terms of speakers against this project, but they
22 shouldn't be here. They should be at the Beach
23 Channel High auditorium in Rockaway Beach talking
24 about the Rebuild by Design project.

25 This is a federally funded project

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1 to help us rebuild and do better next time from
2 Hurricane Sandy. Even though only a handful of
3 projects are run, everybody should learn from it,
4 and everybody has an interest in it. So I
5 believe on that, you have failed. We are having a
6 hearing tomorrow night in New Jersey. People
7 shouldn't have to go to that hearing. They
8 should be going to Coney Island Hospital
9 auditorium to listen about the Rebuild by Design.
10 On that point, I think you have failed.

11 I am going to give you, because
12 this is just a couple of clicks away from you, I
13 am going to give each one of you these as my
14 written testimony. For all the people that are
15 not going to get to speak tonight, I want
16 everybody to know we have a form here that says I
17 did not get to speak tonight. So if you have to
18 leave, fill out this thing out, and we are going
19 to make it known that not everybody was heard
20 tonight.

21 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Is Nick
22 Lynn here? After Nick is Greg Naham, Jim Brown
23 and Marriele Robinson.

24 MR. LYNN: Hi. My name is Nick

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Lynn, and I have the Surfrider Foundation chapter in New York City. We are not all the same, but I agree with what John said. The headline is kind of a lot of what has been said before. I just want to frame it to you this way. You guys are looking at this project, and people are talking about renewables, and wanting to move on from fossil fuels. You heard that a lot.

Behind that is the risk that we are being asked to assume by considering this project. Everyone here says hey, why wouldn't I do this, what could go wrong. We can all imagine, and you have heard the scenarios of things that might go wrong. But we are never asked by these sort of shadow companies to risk or perhaps jeopardize our communities for a renewable source. There is no proposal that says gee, would you be willing to sacrifice the well being of your oceans and your beaches for a wind farm or for a solar farm. Those are the kinds of proposals we want to entertain. We don't want to have to come here and fight. So that is the headline.

I do want to address one comment

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about the tankers off of Long Beach. Because as a surfer, we spend a lot of time in the water there. I can tell you I don't like the fact that the tankers are there, but it is kind of a drag after they pass by that there are bits of wrappers and other stuff that they have left spill off of their tankers. But I would rather deal with that than with Liquified Natural Gas, or any other problems associated with that. I also don't think that there are too many terrorist plots to hijack a tanker filled with Tide or washing machines or something like that, and pilot that into the harbor and attack Manhattan with large quantities of suds.

That is it for me, and by the way, yes, P.S., the earth is more than 6,000 years old. I don't know why I said that. The other thing I would say is you are holding that sign up, I am going to wrap my comments up now. Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. We have Greg Naham. If Greg Naham is not here, the next one is Jim Brown.

MR. BROWN: Hello. My name is Jim

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Brown. I am the Conservation Chair for the South Shore Audubon society. The South Shore Audubon Society is one of the chapters of the National Audubon Society. We represent approximately 1,700 households and families on the South Shore of Long Island.

We have been fighting these LNG ports for many, many years. These projects keep recurring, beginning with the insanity island a number of years ago. There have been three or four of them. We hope that finally, we will be able to, as it were, put a stake in this vampire's heart for these projects in the future. We are constantly having to come out at the most inopportune times. It is wonderful so many people from all over New York, New Jersey, Long Island come out on such short notice to speak here tonight.

I want to talk about a few things that people haven't discussed yet. We know that there is global warming, climate change, which is adversely affecting the environment, people. As an Audubon member, I want to highlight the damage that will be happening to birds. The National

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Audubon Society has studied over 588 species of North American birds, many of them in New York. They will be severely impacted by global warming, sea level rise, changes in habitat.

Of these 588 bird species, it is estimated that 314, that is more than half, will lose more than 50 percent of their current climatic range by 2080. Among these species, as I have said, are important New York birds; Common Loons, Purple Finch, Wood Thrush, Rough Grouse, Hobbler Humming Bird and Wild Turkey. Fossil Fuels and global warming is driving many of our bird species to the brink of extinction and beyond.

LNG as compared to other types of fossil fuels and natural gas is one of the dirtiest fossil fuels. It has been mentioned here before how it has to be extracted. Then it has to be transported and cooled, and then regasified. This creates a lot of greenhouse gases which create global warming.

So the Audubon Society is firmly opposed to the Port Ambrose project, as it has been opposed to others. We hope that this is the

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SP49-1 Thank you for your comment.

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2 last to be suggested for the South Shore of Long
3 Island. Thank you.

4 MR. OLSEN: The next speaker
5 should be Marrielle Robinson. After that is
6 Heather Venadone, George Povall, Kevin O'Keefe.

7 MS. ROBINSON: Hi. My name is
8 **Marrielle Robinson**. I am the project coordinator
9 for the Long Island Progressive Coalition, an
10 efficiency program for our community.

11 The Long Island Progressive
12 Coalition stands with the City of Long Beach,
13 Surfriders, Sane Energy Project and numerous
14 other organizations in opposing the Port Ambrose
15 LNG project. Port Ambrose LNG will damage our
16 oceans, support harmful fracking initiatives, and
17 threaten community efforts. New York needs to be
18 focusing on safe, reliable and renewable energy
19 development. This includes implementing not only
20 renewable energy initiatives, but also ensuring
21 that local green jobs are created. LNG tankers
22 will not only make future windmills in the area
23 impossible, it would create a meager six long
24 term jobs.

25 For Long Island, LNG will leave in

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its wake a compromised fishing industry, polluted

ocean and a new floating terrorist target. The

more information that comes to light, the more

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clear it becomes that Port Ambrose LNG benefits

only its investors and no one else. Governor

Cuomo needs to see Port Ambrose for what it is, a

corporate attempt to industrialize our oceans for

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their own profit. It is time to leave behind

further fossil fuel development, and dedicate

ourselves to a green energy economy. One that

includes wild life and job creation, renewable

energy and combats climate change. For these

reasons and more, we say no to Port Ambrose LNG.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Heather

Venadone. George Povall,

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MR. POVALL: Hi. I don't want to

be here today, but I had to be here today. As a

resident of one of the ocean front towns of Point

Lookout, my town and my family face the threat of

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an accidental disaster that this port could

cause, and we are being asked to just accept all

the risk. I don't like that.

But more importantly, I have heard

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very little from Liberty, and surprisingly, a lot

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SP50-3 See response to SP34-1.

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of people haven't picked up on it either, that we just haven't really heard the applicant explain any public need for this project. LIPA just said that they don't need it.

Another thing that is really important is nobody has demonstrated any public good from this project. Frankly, that should be the only reason why we ever give a corporation any license over that which the people have the purview.

So I have a small, not for profit, renewable energy advocacy group called All Our Energy. I'm concerned that the proposal will block the proposed wind farm, and that wind farm does provide public good. That is directly to our community, before even looking at a question of jobs. So I have ask. Do we really owe a foreign corporation a profit off of something that belongs to the people?

So one of the other things that I would like to address that nobody has addressed is Port Ambrose has said that their project will only take up only 4 percent of the proposed wind farm area. That is like saying that the car's

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2 tires only take up 4 percent of the footprint of
3 a car. The project for the wind farm will still
4 be roadkill from that 4 percent footprint. So we
5 need to move forward with renewable energy, and
6 we will not be able to do that right way if this
7 LNG port is there. So please reject this
8 proposal. Thank you.

9 MR. OLSEN: Thank you, Kevin
10 O'Keefe. After that will be Lisa Oldendorp and
11 then Richard Hampton.

12 MR. O'KEEFE: Hello. I am Kevin
13 O'Keefe, and I am a resident of East Meadow,
14 which is in Long Island. I am a user of the
15 South Shore beaches, which include Long Beach,
16 Nickerson Beach, Jones Beach, Robert Moses, and
17 there are other beaches involved, sharing the
18 same ocean.

19 I oppose the Liberty Gas Port
20 Ambrose Project. I request formally to stop the
21 clock, because honestly, there are not enough
22 residents who have been informed of the
23 situation. We are the State of New York, one of
24 the largest States in the Union, and we get one
25 meeting. It affects the beach community, and we

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are not addressing it in a beach. We are in Jamaica by the airport, but we want to be in a beach community where we were in 2013. We are here, we are not in Long Beach.

It is something that is really, really disturbing to me. I am very fearful of this project. I actually spoke with both of you earlier about the project itself. I appreciate your answers. I am concerned. I have met so many people from Long Beach who are afraid of this.

There is an economic impact.

Forget about the environmental impact. There is an economic impact. People with jobs live in Long Beach. People have businesses in Long Beach. People need to survive from Sandy still. Businesses open and close in Long Beach because they are still recovering. We are asking a community. I call it Mayberry RFD. Long Beach is a great community that needs attention. It does not need an LNG port, it does not need Port Ambrose. It does not need any of the Maritime Administration assistance with Liberty Gas to get this passed. This is a travesty. It is not

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1 something that anyone on Long Island would be
2 interested in.

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4 I don't swim, I don't surf, I don't
5 fish. I love the beach. If you know anything
6 about me, I can't even swim to save my life. I
7 have met people that swim. They play volley ball
8 on the sand. They go fishing, they go boating.
9 You are trying to invade the ocean where people
10 go for a happy time, for their family time. I
11 have two children. Where does my son want to
12 move to? Long Beach. I am concerned because of
13 my son, I am concerned for the families I have
14 met in Long Beach. It is a great community, and
15 you know what? There are other communities
16 involved here, but we haven't taken the time. We
17 had one public notice in the Long Beach Herald to
18 tell Long Beach about it, but yet we are not
19 sitting in Long Beach right now to talk about it.
20 That is a very, very bad situation.

21 I spoke earlier that I have one
22 main question. My main question is if Port
23 Ambrose does happen, will that make any change to
24 the Coast Guard? You said that there would be no
25 change in the Coast Guard coverage.

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SP52-3 Thank you for your comment.

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MR. OLSEN: Your time is up.

Thank you very much, sir. Thank you very much.
Lisa Oldendorp. After that is Richard Hampton
and Mike Curry, and then Scott Winter.

MS. OLDENDORP: Hi. My name is

Lisa Oldendorp. I am the Long Island regional
organizer for MOVEON.ORG. I have lived on Long
Island all my life, and I am here today to ask
you to deny the Port Ambrose project. I grew up
enjoying Long Beach, Jones Beach, Cedar Beach,
Oak Beach. Long Island's beaches attracted
hundreds of thousands of people, and still do.

The proposed Liberty LNG port would threaten the
south shore of Long Island. Liquified Natural
Gas is highly volatile, highly toxic and unsafe.

It would take only one disaster, a
natural one like Hurricane Sandy or a man made
one like an fire or explosion at the port, or a
leak in the pipeline to ruin Long Island's
economy and way of life forever. We can look to
the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico as an example
to see the billions of dollars of damage done,
and the economic hardship endured by the local
people. The Gulf will never be the same again.

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The proposed LNG port is not needed to import gas from the Caribbean. The U.S. is producing much more gas now than in the past 50 years. In addition, Americans have greatly cut their demand for gas through a combination of conservation and more efficient appliances.

Liberty's application for an import facility is a sham. This port will most likely be converted very quickly into an export facility, and the ships will be lining up to take the fracked gas from Pennsylvania over to Europe, the Ukraine and China, where gas prices are three times the price of gas in the U.S.

The only ones who would benefit from this port are the owners and investors of the LNG Port Ambrose. Not Long Islanders and not the Americans people. Long Island and New York City would bear all of the risk and enjoy none or few of the benefits. I hope you will take this into consideration. I hope that my grandchildren will be able to enjoy the pristine beaches of the south shore of Long Island, just like I did. I implore you to veto the Liberty LNG project. Thank you.

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MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Richard Hampton will be next.

MR. HAMPTON: Hello. My name is Dick Hampton, and I have been living on Long Island for about 35 years. I would like to thank the Coast Guard and the Maritime Administration for coming to listen to this comment period, and I thank you for the extension of the comment period. We need to also be aware that the public is almost unaware of this proposal. Many essentially do not know that this being proposed. That may seem strange with this huge group here, but they don't. They don't know it even is on the table.

My headline is that we should not be exporting natural gas. I believe the argument has been very forcefully made that this is to export. It does not make any sense. Maybe at sometime it would business wise, but I can't see it. It looks like it is going to try to be exported gas, and we are already in a hole with gas due to climate change. We need to be moving away from that, as everyone here has already said.

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1 But I am also very aware that we
2 need to keep our gas here for the future. We are
3 totally dependent today, everyone in this
4 building, on petroleum products. Our country
5 would collapse without petroleum, and I mean that
6 in absolute certainty. You saw what Long Island
7 when Hurricane Sandy hit. It was a disaster with
8 no gas. Two more weeks and people would have
9 been nuts. So gas needs to stay here, not for
10 us. We need to conserve it, but for our
11 children's children's children's children, years
12 and years from now, we need our gas. It is an
13 important product. It is a precious product.

15 I don't like it, and I think we
16 should be moving away from it. Everything in the
17 world points to earth at stress; reefs, oceans,
18 soil, water, the glaciers, the polar ice caps
19 melting. It is obvious to anyone with a mind
20 that we are stressing the earth severely. I
21 sorry for my Incoherent speech. Denial is an
22 illness. I have seen denial in all kinds of
23 illnesses. The earth is in an illness now. We
24 cannot deny it.

25 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Up next is

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Mike Curry. Then Scoll Winter, Martha Cameron,
and then Aileen Sheil.

MR. CURRY: First of all, I would
like to congratulate the moderator on an
excellent and outstanding job tonight. I think
he did an excellent job. My name is Mike Curry,
and I am a business agent for Local 25. My job
is to put people to work. I was raised in beach
towns, spent all my weekends during the summer
with my family on beaches. I am a huge advocate
of clean oceans and stuff like that. But at the
same time, we have to recognize that you have to
live.

Every day I am on the phone. I get
calls from men who are starving for work. They
need jobs, they are hungry, their kids have no
Christmas, they can't make their car payments,
they can't make their mortgage. Some of us might
not be faced with those issues, but it is a
reality. Unemployment is tough in this country
right now, and it is tough in this region.
Unemployment numbers are a little scathed in what
they are reporting in the papers and in the
press. But as a person who answers the phones

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every day and talks to these people who are out of work. I realize that it is a reality.

So this project, if it is funded, will create a number of jobs. It will put a bunch of people in the area to work. There is a lot of ancillary work involved. It is relatively noninvasive in the ocean. I have dredged for 35 years, did all kind of work in the water. I have replenished beaches and worked on beaches my entire life. This particular job is very noninvasive, almost zero impact on the environment. But it will create a lot of work, it will help to lower energy prices, which helps everybody. I just think that the positives in the long run will outweigh the negatives on this project. Privately funded, putting people to work, lower energy prices. I think it is a win win. Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

MR. WINTER: Hi. My name is Scott Winter. I am the President and Business Manager of the Operating Engineers, Local 25, Marine Division. So I am just going to read a little bit, and then I am going to go off the

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3 On behalf of my union, I would like
4 to thank you for the opportunity to speak here
5 this evening. Unions have a long history of
6 providing the opportunity for ordinary people
7 like me to stand up and be heard about projects
8 that are essential to our bread and butter
9 issues. My union performs all the dredging,
10 beach replenishment, off shore cable, off shore
11 pipeline and other various maritime industry work
12 such as offshore windmills. In fact, there is
13 no one in this room who has done more for the
14 offshore renewable energy market windmills than
15 this guy right here, I guarantee you. I have
16 been at every single meeting. I have talked in
17 front of Congress talked and in front of the
18 Senate. I am the biggest advocate in this room,
19 by far. I have not seen any of these people at
20 the multitude of meetings from Virginia all the
21 way to New Jersey.

22 I am here to speak about job
23 creation, and the aspect of this project, and
24 also to refute some of the misconceptions in this
25 proposed plan. There is information being

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disseminated to sway public opinion against this project. Jobs at all costs? Jobs, even at the cost of the environment? No, no way. We don't believe that. We don't believe that jobs should trump the environment. No job should be placed over the environmental issues that people are so near and dear to.

My union has manned every single major pipeline project in the area over the last 30 years, every single one of them, and we have had zero impact on the environment resulting from these projects as far as what some of the people have talked about in this room, like explosions and leaks and what have you. Of course it is a fossil fuel.

Now I am going to get off the cuff. We are talking about job creation here. Yes, all these construction jobs are temporary jobs. There is no guaranteed life long jobs when it comes to this. This project is about 800 jobs, so they say. The truth and reality of it, it is a lot more than that, because it goes by man hours. The average person, office worker, works 2,080 hours a year. The average guy in my

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2 industry, 2,912 hours a year. So it actually
3 goes by man hours. That is the truth of the
4 matter.

5 But there is a lot of hypocrisy in
6 this room. There is not a person in this room
7 right now that is not wearing something that is
8 coloring their hair or shoes on their feet or eye
9 glasses that you wear or the lipstick that is not
10 coming from fossil fuels. Not the roads that you
11 drove on, not the tires that you use, not the gas
12 in your vehicle. We are all relying on fossil
13 fuels. Yes, should we have more renewable
14 energy? Sure.

15 MR. OLSEN: Thank you, sir, your
16 time is up. Thank you. Next is Martha Cameron.
17 After that will be Aileen Sheil and then Dan
18 Durott, Alice Zinnes.

19 MS. CAMERON: My name is Margaret
20 Cameron. I am co-chair of the Climate Action
21 Committee of Brooklyn for Peace, a community
22 group that has been working for peace and social
23 justice for 30 years. I am also a member of a
24 union family. I want to tell the carpenters
25 that, and my son-in-law earns his living by

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1 diving. He is a fisherman down in Florida, but
2 he is in the water every single day. I would
3 also like to say that Brooklyn for Peace supports
4 just transition. That is to say we need to
5 transition justly, supporting those people who
6 work in fossil fuels to a just transition in a
7 new economy that is a renewable economy.

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SP57-1 Thank you for your comment.

9 The energy fight for Liberty Port
10 Ambrose is a microcosm of the fight over energy
11 that is taking place globally. When we have LNG
12 with its massive carbon footprint, its
13 destruction of the ocean and its potential as a
14 terrorist target, or will we have offshore wind
15 farms which will produce renewable energy with
16 multipliers that are good for the maritime
17 community.

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SP57-2 See response to SP8-4.

18 The United States has long used
19 fossil fuel energy as a way to maintain world
20 dominance, but the world is changing.
21 Conventional oil supplies are drying up, and
22 there is more competition for what is left.
23 Global competition for extreme energy is making
24 the world a more dangerous place. The U.S. is
25 now in a state of permanent war in the Middle

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1 East and North Africa. It is building up arms in
2 the Pacific Rim, and in the arctic, China and
3 Russia. It has imposed sanctions on Russia, Iran
4 and Venezuela in an effort to protect its own
5 access to energy markets in Europe and Latin
6 America. The United States now stands at a fork
7 in the road. Will it continue to use fossil
8 fuels as a weapon for world dominance, or will it
9 become a world leader in renewables, and get out
10 of the energy wars all together?

11 Renewable energy is inherently
12 democratizing. Sun and wind are available to
13 everyone in the world. If the U.S. chooses this
14 path, we can change the entire global equation.
15 Oil wars become meaningless in a world of
16 windmills and solar panels. This is not just
17 rhetoric. This is reality. We, the people, call
18 on you, who are the fiduciaries of public trust,
19 to deny the recent application for an LNG port.
20 We need wind farms, not LNG. An LNG facility is
21 not merely a terrorist target, but a terrorist
22 weapon of big energy aimed at our planet and our
23 children's future. Thank you.

24 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Aileen
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SP57-1 Thank you for your comment.

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Sheil.

MS. SHEIL: Good evening. My name is Aileen Sheil. I am the Chairperson for the Board of Directors for NYPIRG, the New York Public Interest Research Group. Our Board of Directors is entirely made up of college and university students elected from campuses and microchapters throughout New York State.

We are here today to express serious concerns over the Port Ambrose LNG deep water port. This potentially dangerous and floating product will move New York in the wrong direction, and represents a bad national policy. We urge the U.S. Coast Guard and Maritime Administration to revise the Draft EIS, and reject the deep water Port Ambrose project.

According to the U.S. Department of Energy, filled LNG will vaporize as it meets relatively warmer fuel or water. The methane generated in this vaporized cloud is highly flammable. Under certain conditions, cumulative LNG vapor clouds can lead to catastrophic occurrences.

Case in point, in 1973 in an

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1 explosion at the Texas Eastern Transmission LNG
2 Storage Facility on Staten Island killed 40
3 workers. As a result, New York State enacted the
4 Liquefied Natural Gas and Petroleum Gas Act,
5 which states in part, 'liquefied natural and
6 petroleum gas is an extremely volatile, highly
7 flammable and dangerous substance, which if
8 released into the air, is capable under
9 unfavorable atmospheric conditions of causing
10 severe damage in areas even distant from the
11 point of release.'

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13 For those considerations alone,
14 among the dozens of others that were mentioned
15 today, a full analysis of the potential
16 environmental and economic impacts of an
17 explosion by assault or attack needs to be
18 completed. Methane is 86 times as potent as
19 carbon dioxide over a 20 year period. Natural
20 gas, primarily methane, and natural gas and
21 petroleum systems are the largest sources for
22 methane emissions in the nation. Natural gas's
23 life cycle emissions must be fully considered
24 when addressing environmental impacts.

25 It is important for New York to

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2 Invest in renewable energy for both environmental
3 and economic reasons. Renewable energy has much
4 less impact on the environment and public health.
5 It does not burn fossil fuels, which produces
6 subsequent air pollution. With respect to the
7 impact on the economy, renewable energy
8 technologies are more labor intensive, which will
9 create more jobs. Furthermore, if renewable
10 energy is locally produced, most of the energy
11 dollars stay local. On the other hand,
12 nonrenewable sources such as natural gas are
13 limited resources that will over time be
14 depleted.

SP58-3 Thank you for your comment.

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15 In September 2011, the Long Island
16 New York City Offshore Wind Collaborative
17 submitted a proposal to construct an offshore
18 wind facility in the middle of New York, New
19 Jersey Bight, to be built approximately 13
20 nautical miles off the south shore of Long
21 Island. The proposed Ambrose site competes for
22 that space. Moreover, New York already lags
23 behind in its commitment to renewable energy.

SP58-4 See response to SP26-2.

24 The New York Public Service
25 Commission's renewables portfolio standard

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provides that 30 percent of New York's energy will be supplied by renewable sources by 2015. In 2012, New York's renewable energy capacity was a mere 9 percent.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you very much. Dan Durett. After Dan is Alice Zinnes, Ellen Osuna and David Viana.

MR. DURETT: With all protocols observed, apologies for my back. I would like to address the room, if I may. Mr. Moderator, you asked for a headline first. Here is my headline. Give Liberty Port Ambrose a license. That is my headline. My name is Dan Durett. I am the Director of the Center for Environment, Commerce and Energy, and an outreach arm of the African American Environmentalist Organizations. We are here to support this effort today to get this license project going. You see, protecting the environment is key for human resources, animal and plant ecologies, and we are looking to increase the African American presence in meetings like these and others. Our office is in New York. If you would like to meet with me, I would be more than glad to.

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People of limited income are

getting killed by the dramatic increase in prices, in utility rates every time that vortex comes down. We are feeling it tonight. If you don't believe me, go outside, look in the room. If this project is approved, we believe that it will assist in lowering prices.

Another aspect that I have not

heard in this room is the whole issue of environmental justice. You have to take that into consideration. I have not heard anyone talking about the disproportionate impact of the current structure of New York's energy deliver systems, or people of color communities. I have heard about the impacts here on Long Beach, but when you look at the delivery of energy in New York, there is a disproportionate impact. I am asking that this project be approved because yes, I am from Brooklyn. You have heard about a bridge. Approve this project, and that tree in Brooklyn will continue to grow. Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Alice

Zinnes.

MS. ZINNES: My name is Alice

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Zinnes. I am a professor at City University.

First, I would like to address that gentleman's statement about the vortex, which is partly caused by climate change. So to help protect the people that he is talking about, the lower income people, we need to reduce climate change so that their energy bills and other issues will improve.

We also need jobs, we need

permanent jobs. Though industry says otherwise, the Port Ambrose port will bring only at least six permanent jobs. To get a sense of how the gas industry distorts job numbers, look at Pennsylvania. I have a second home in Pennsylvania, I know Pennsylvania very well. Contrary to industry, according to the Department of Labor statistics, fracking has brought very few jobs to Pennsylvania. In fact, unemployment is lower on the New York side of the border than it is on the Pennsylvania side, which is being heavily fracked. The only difference between the counties on both sides of the border is that Pennsylvania is being fracked. Otherwise, regional jobs, general resources, the environment is exactly the same.

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SP60-1 Thank you for your comment.

SP60-2 Thank you for your comment.

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The port is extremely dangerous.

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Were there to be an accident or more horrendous, a terrorist attack by Al Qaeda to simply target LNG ships as terrorists targets, a vapor cloud forms, which if ignited, the resulting fireball would be hot enough to melt steel at distances of 1,200 feet, and cause second degree burns on exposed skin a mile away. Please see a 2004 study by the Sandia Laboratory, a Division of the Department of Energy to see that this is the case.

In fact, it is precisely the dangers of an LNG facility that motivated Governor Carey in 1976 to sign a law that effectively places a state wide moratorium on LNG tanks. In 1973, 40 people died when an LNG tank exploded on Staten Island, caused only by a small amount of gas, not the vast quantities that would be at Port Ambrose. To quote the Staten Island Advance at the time, "at least a half dozen federal, state and city agencies investigated and ultimately determined the explosion was caused by pockets of gas in the tank's liner."

The Port Ambrose port will be a

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disaster for the environment. Movement by the
tethers connecting tankers to the underground
pipeline will dislodge toxins settled into the
ocean floor decades ago, as well as making
recovery for marine life impossible. Even worse,
partly because of the huge quantities of energy
needed to cool Liquid Natural Gas to
approximately minus 260 degrees Fahrenheit in
order to reach is required transport pressure to
about 25 kilopascals, Liquid Natural Gas is 40
percent dirtier than domestic natural gas.

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MR. OLSEN: Thank you very much.
Thank you. Ellen Osuna.

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MS. OSUNA: My name is Ellen
Osuna. I grew up in Eastern Queens. Some of my
most cherished childhood memories have been at
Jones Beach. It has been emphasized since the
beginning of this meeting that Port Ambrose, at
least this incarnation of it, can only be used as
an import facility. We were told that any
licensed deep water port that proposes to convert
to an export facility would be required to submit
a new license application and an additional fee.
I believe, as does probably

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SP60-4 See response to SP42-1.

SP60-5 Thank you for your comment.

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1 everyone in this room, that that is Liberty's
2 intention all along. So although you are
3 considering and asking us to comment on an import
4 facility, the process is a sham if you do not
5 consider the likelihood that this will become an
6 export facility, new license fees and all, and
7 evaluate the impact to the environment, the full
8 environment, which includes climate change, which
9 would result in increases of fracked gas to
10 supply Europe in partnership with the UK's Port
11 Meridian, which has the same owners and
12 investors. That is not a coincidence.

14 In that consideration should also
15 come awareness of the deceptive communication of
16 Liberty Natural Gas, and call into question all
17 of Liberty's sanitized and polished claims. Even
18 as an import facility only were we to believe
19 this. LNG is an environmental disaster. Methane
20 is a far more potent greenhouse gas than carbon
21 dioxide.

22 As others have stated, we are at a
23 tipping point for determining our energy sources,
24 and for destroying or saving this planet. The
25 convergence we are now at is the need to go

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2 renewable. The technology is available, and
3 finally, at least in New York, the political
4 will. To put more of our energy into fossil fuel
5 infrastructure at this time would be a tragedy.
6 That is reason alone, but I also think it is a
7 cogent point to imagine those who would want to
8 inflict serious harm to this country pondering a
9 map of the United States, and seeing Port Ambrose
10 standing out as a glowing green arrow.

11 I urge you to consider the no
12 action alternative, to select the no action
13 alternative, become familiar with the
14 SOLUTIONSPROJECT.ORG, which lays out state by
15 state plans for 100 percent renewable in the
16 United States, of which our coastal resources for
17 offshore wind are so import, and a far better use
18 of all our time and energy. Thank you.

19 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next
20 should be David Viana. Claudia Borezky. Then
21 Lynn Meyer and Stephen McCann. You are Claudia?

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22 MS. BOREZKY: Yes. Long Islanders
23 need to know how this will impact the safety and
24 security of our communities, which this DEIS
25 fails to address. Further, allow us to have

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2 hearings on the barrier islands so that the
3 people most directly affected by this port will
4 understand how it will impact their lives.

5 Since your scoping hearing a year
6 ago, \$125 million has been granted to mitigate
7 our coastline. They have cleared the way to
8 literally move mountains, underwater mountains to
9 protect our shores from weather events. Yet here
10 you are and what you are basically saying, we are
11 turning our backs on Long Island, we will ignore
12 all the work you have done to protect our
13 shoreline. We will dig up your underwater
14 mountains and lay our pipeline anyway. We will
15 ignore all the work you have done in retraining
16 your first responders, and will not address this
17 issue in our report.

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18 Since 9-11, our south shore
19 communities stand naked and unprotected from a
20 very real terrorist threat. You have ignored the
21 security of these communities, and expect your
22 Coast Guard to protect our financial interest
23 instead. Today, you are turning your backs on
24 the south shore communities by intentionally
25 holding only one hearing, far away from the

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SP62-2 Thank you for your comment.

SP62-3 Thank you for your comment.

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Boardwalk that was not even finished during your last hearing, and far away from the communities that Port Ambrose will mostly impact.

As a member of the Coalition of Nassau Civic Associations, which members include civic associations that represent thousands of people from all over Nassau, we respectfully request that you stop ignoring us. We are stronger than we were a year ago. We are a resilient people, a determined people, and we demand a hearing on Long Island, where you can hear from our south shore communities, the people who would be most impacted by Port Ambrose. We cannot allow the Long Island voice to be silenced in this manner. You cannot turn your backs on us any more.

I am just going to address the problems I had with the report itself, and I am just going to address three of them. Economic benefits. The report claims economic benefits with respect to construction of the so called fabrication sites, support vessel contracts, ensuring base contracts. That will go to North Kingston, Rhode Island or upstate New York,

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2 providing job opportunities for Rhode Island or
3 upstate workers. I am sure that gentleman who
4 was from the union already has a contract with
5 and he is probably from upstate. So I would ask
6 you now how does this provide jobs and benefits
7 to Long Island?

8 Another issue, environmental impact
9 report claims that the purpose of this port is to
10 distribute natural gas into downstate --

11 MR. OLSEN: Thank you very much.
12 Your time is up, ma'am. Thank you very much.
13 The next speaker is Lynn Meyer and Stephen
14 McCann.

15 MS. MEYER: Hello. I am Lynn
16 Meyer, and I am a volunteer group leader with
17 Citizen's Climate Lobby. I am also the
18 grandmother of a two year old little girl named
19 Ruby, who sadly will spend much of her adult life
20 adapting to climate change, to loss of
21 coastlines, many more Superstorm Sandy's, and
22 food and water shortages. The scientific
23 community is unanimous in warning us that we must
24 run, not walk away from fossil fuel use, in order
25 to avoid the most catastrophic effects of climate

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change.

Governor Cuomo has set a very modest goal of an 80 percent emissions reduction by 2050. In order to achieve this goal, New York must lead the nation in offshore wind, not permit even more fossil fuel use. Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Next is Stephen McCann. After that is Shar Olivier, Vincent Brancato, Jordan Christianson, Tom Grech. If Stephen McCann is not here, then Shar Olivier.

MS. OLIVIER: My name is Shar Olivier. I hold a Masters in Environmental Management from the Nicholas School of the Environment. I have spent 15 years in energy management sustainability, and I work as a Corporate Responsibility professional. I am also a member and I also represent and today as a member of Oceania as well as Sea Shepherd.

I would like to acknowledge the passionate, cogent and comprehensive comments and statements so far, and I will try not to repeat, as much as possible. I grew up in the Gulf Coast region, and I am a recent transplant to Long Beach. I just want to point up that growing up

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In such a fossil fuel laden community is a really slippery slope, and I am surprised that in 2015 here in New York State to be a part of this argument, to be honest with you.

If you approve a project like this, more and more these projects will come, and it will basically ruin this coast for the foreseeable future. If climate change, Homeland Security, increasing extreme weather events aren't enough, sea level rise, ocean acidification weren't enough, other things brought on by climate change and the use of these fossil fuels, and projects like this Port Ambrose project.

One thing I would like to point out that a couple of people mentioned were the whales are global indicator species. They indicate the integrity of ecosystems as well as biodiversity. They have basically been absent from the east coast for many, many decades due to pollution, Super Fund sites on the east coast, et cetera. In the last three years, they have come back to the east coast exponentially. This is something that is extremely important. This is something

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1 that we want to continue to have happen. If a
2 project like this is approved, it will impact
3 them from the toxic matter being emitted as well
4 as the sound issues in the water. Maybe some
5 people don't care about whales, which I think it
6 is insane, but that is true.

7
8 So let's get to the business side,
9 because I work in corporate America, and I am a
10 business person. The idea of jobs at any cost,
11 that comes from a dirty business by a foreign
12 held company that is nontransparent on any basis
13 is not acceptable. We have to say no to it. We
14 much prefer renewable projects like the proposed
15 wind turbine. I want to point out that if we are
16 going down the wrong road at 100 miles per hour,
17 and then we slow it down to 50 miles per hour, we
18 are still going down the wrong road.

19 I know it is not easy, and I know
20 transition is hard, and any new technology, if we
21 look over the course of the last 100 years, this
22 is what we are talking about. The earth has been
23 here for millions of years, and we are talking
24 about an impact of the last 100 years. I will
25 conclude with dirty business is bad business, and

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LNG at Port Ambrose violates the public trust.

Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Vincent

Brancato.

MR. BRANCATO: My name is Vincent

Brancato. I am the co-chair of the Environmental Stewardship Committee at the New York Society for Ethical Culture. I am a citizen, husband, father, grandfather. I am going to cut my comments short because the reasons, the valid reasons to oppose this station have been so well said by my friends and other environmental advocates. I would say a few things though.

First I would say Liberty natural

Gas is a Canadian based corporation with Cayman Island bank accounts. So let us not confuse the word "liberty" with American causes and values. This is a secret corporation with unidentified backers and board members. Resources reveal that any accidents or catastrophes are unknown. This is not a publically traded firm with known assets such as we had with the BP Deep Water Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. I would also imagine that there are less or no federal taxes paid by

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Canadian firms.

Skipping along, this facility is proposed as an import facility. Today, repeating what another speaker said about the First Federal Energy Regulatory Commission pricing, world natural gas prices, in December 2014, in Cold Point at the Chesapeake, the cost is \$5.25 per million BTUs; Lake Charles, Louisiana, \$3.72 per million BTUs; Rio De Janeiro, \$11.35; Japan, \$12; Korea, \$12; China, \$11.60. I am not a genius, but I have to assume that if it is built, it will be converted to LNG export, which use the U.S. as a viable market.

As my fellow Americans, the people from the Coast Guard, from the Maritime Commission and from the Corps of Engineers face their decision, I would quote part of President Eisenhower's farewell address to close this. He said "another factor in maintaining balance involves the element of time. As we peer into society's future, we, you and I and our government, must avoid the impulse to live only for today, squandering for our own ease and convenience the precious resources of tomorrow.

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We cannot mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren without asking for the loss of their political and spiritual heritage. We want democracy to survive for all generations to come conditionally, not to become the insolvent phantom of tomorrow.' I want to thank you for your time and attention.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. The next speaker is Jordan Christianson. After that is Tom Grech, Arthur Kremer.

MS. CHRISTIANSON: Hi I am Jordan Christianson. Thank you for the opportunity to speak today. I am here to represent Citizen's Campaign for the Environment. We are an 8,000 member nonprofit. On behalf of those members, a lot of other people have spoken today. I echo the request for additional hearings, particularly in Nassau County and the City of Long Beach.

First off, CC has some concerns over the impacts to wildlife with this proposal. But I particularly would like to speak about increase in water acidity, with the chemically treated discharges from hydrostatic tests, and the impacts on plankton, fish eggs and larvae.

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Please refer to response to comment CO129-7. The USCG is currently engaged in informal consultation with NOAA Fisheries and USFWS regarding the potential impacts, monitoring plans, and subsequent mitigation of the proposed action on federally listed threatened and endangered species. Any consultation would be initiated before the Record of Decision (ROD) on the proposed Project and within the time allowed in 33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq. for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to notify the Secretary that the proposed Project would not conform with all applicable provisions of the CAA, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of the MPRSA and 33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq. All consultation correspondence to date is located in Appendix B of this final EIS.

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This project will negatively impact during construction and its operation. In addition to loss of habitat, the DEIS states that over 80 million fish eggs and 10 million larval fish will be entrained during this construction. The loss of this habitat and emissions will impact larger species, including whales, fish, sea birds, crustaceans who feed off this plankton.

However, on the topic of overall impacts on fish population, the DEIS is often lacking and dismissive. For example, it states "juvenile and adult fish mobility to evacuate during unfavorable conditions" as the sole reason that fish will not be impacted by discharges during construction. Which is like saying speeding cars don't present a problem for pedestrians because they can walk.

The DEIS glosses over many of the important sections on possible lasting impacts to wildlife. This lack of data makes it difficult to weigh in on the actual impact of the project. When you look at the section on marine mammals and endangered species, there is a similar problem.

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CC works with the DEC to do whale monitoring in this exact area. The first shared data has come back, and the Blue Whale was present. There was also some data to suggest that the North Atlantic Wright Whale, one of the most endangered whale species in the world, is present in that region as well. More substantive monitoring and data is critically needed to sense the potential impacts to these endangered species.

Currently, the migratory patterns of these endangered whales, fish, sea turtles, which use these waters in the past is clearly unknown. Therefore, the project's impacts on these species cannot be scientifically validated. Wishful thinking is not a substitute for scientific data.

One more, of course, is the impact on fish and wildlife. There is the larger issue of the exclusion zone. Waterways are part of the public trust. To allow a private company to take over the waterway and not allow public access is not only unacceptable, it is a death threat to New York State's success.

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See response to comment FA6-8 for a discussion of potential impacts due to the implementation of navigational safety measures that would limit certain uses within the Safety Zone, no anchoring area, and areas to be avoided.

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1 Lastly on the subject of need, as
2 everyone has pretty much stated, you don't really
3 need this LNG port. Within the 2014 draft New
4 York State energy plan, domestic natural gas
5 production is at its highest point in four
6 decades, while natural gas imports have been
7 steadily declining since 2007. With LNG
8 facilities across the country experiencing
9 declining shipments, this is not the time to
10 build a new one. We should invest in renewables,
11 particularly the wave project which has been
12 proposed, where it is proposed off the coast of
13 Montauk.
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15 MR. OLSEN: Thank you very much.

16 MS. CHRISTIANSON: Thank you.

17 MR. OLSEN: The next speaker, Tom
18 Grech. After that is Arthur Kremer, Norris
19 McDonald, Peter Gollon.

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20 MR. GRECH: My name is Tom Grech.
21 Just a few comments, first of all. I think the
22 ground rules have been fantastic, but I will say,
23 based upon one of the comments about balance and
24 time, it probably would have been nice to have a
25 pro con, pro con type of environment. Because

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SP66-3 See response to FA4-2 for a discussion of purpose and need, and peak demand.

SP66-4 Other proposed energy projects are discussed in Section 6.1.1.6 of the final EIS; however, information on a potential wind project off the coast of Montauk was not readily available.

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folks that came in by bus very, very early, which is terrific to show their support, negated the fact that lots of advocates are back there as well.

I am speaking today as Chairman of the Queens Chamber of Commerce Energy Committee. I am writing to express my support for the proposed Port Ambrose deep water port project to expand access to natural gas for downstate New York. Last year, New York, along with many other states in New England and the middle states, felt the effects of the polar vortex.

The U.S. Energy Administration confirmed that pipeline constraints, not supply, pipeline constraints contributed to price hikes in natural gas markets, which set records for the highest prices in history. As a result, New York consumers were left with an average 25 percent increase, 25 percent increase in monthly natural gas bills, which also affected utility prices throughout. This hurts everybody's bottom line, especially businesses and home owners in this area. The Port Ambrose project will place downward pressures on prices during peak demand

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by adding supply when it is needed most.

ICF International found that the new import terminal will help the region realize over \$300,000,000 in costs savings on high demand days. These benefits can be achieved promptly as designed to tie into existing pipelines that currently exist on the sea floor, importing fuel as it is needed most. On time supply is essential for any business. For example, if the inventory for President's Day or certain holidays runs at a stop, product scarcity typically causes the price of a hot item to become more expensive. When the item becomes available to meet demand, prices tend to fall and the product lies on the shelf. Applying this logic to Liberty Natural Gas on time supply delivery model, you will keep the gas transmission system full of additional supply to meet demand.

Holistically, this is a dynamic which will suppress gas price spikes, offer reliability and improve system resiliency. For this reason, we are hopeful that you will go with the Port Ambrose Project. Thank you very much.

MR. OLSEN: Arthur Kremer.

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MR. KREMER: Arthur Jerry Kremer,

Chairman of the New York Affordable Electricity Alliance. I am a 23 year veteran of the New York State Assembly, and chair of the energy committee. It seems like three days ago, but about two hours ago, somebody asked what is the reason behind this project.

I think I ought to give you a snapshot of what is going on in New York and the energy field. Hydrofracking has been turned down. Windmills when they were proposed in Western New York and in the Atlantic Ocean off of Jones Beach, are voted down by the tax payers who come in thousands as they did 10 years ago to protest wind mills off of Jones Beach, eight miles. They are against that.

Three weeks ago, the Long Island Power Authority announced that the deep water project, which was going to be an opportunity to have a deep water wind project off of Montauk Point, and if nobody is living off of Montauk Point, they would approve the project. ConEd and the Long Island Power Authority have abandoned a joint project that they were going to do. In

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Suffolk County, as I stand here, a major solar project involving the installation of 200 panels on a farm land are being opposed by the citizens of Medford. It goes on and on and on.

The fact of the matter is as we sit here, there has to be a new source of gas supply for this region. Everybody says there is plenty of gas. That is true. I agree with everybody that says it, but that gas is not getting here. There are six pipeline expansions. I am not talking about pipelines, new ones. Expansions that are being opposed all over New York State. The only place and the only way that you can bring natural gas into this area is with this type of project. It is not coming in from anywhere else.

As Tom Grech pointed out, last year, energy prices, gas prices went up 125 percent during the polar vortex. We are experiencing another cold wave, and there are more to come. The answer is this project is needed for one simple reason. There is no other source of supply available. Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

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Norris McDonald. After that, Peter Gollon, Ron Benenati, John Cori, Trisha Sheehan.

MR. McDONALD: Thank you for your endurance and patience tonight. It is really appreciated. Thank you for holding this hearing. My name is Norris McDonald. I am founder and president of the Center for Environment, Commerce and Energy, and our outreach arm, the African American Environmental Association. Dan Durrett, the director of our New York office, presented this statement earlier. The Center for Environment, Commerce and Energy supports the Liberly Ambrose project. We support this project because it is a pretty good project. The submerged buoy system is just absolutely brilliant. The shuttles and regasification vehicles, that is a very interesting and great combination.

I have testified at these hearings before the Coast Guard numerous times before with other proposed import projects from Long Beach, California and off of Oxnard to the Baltimore ADS Project and the Baltimore project.

We need infrastructure in the

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United States. We need a diverse system and a diverse energy structure, and that is what this project brings to the table. I think the Coast Guard did an excellent job on the EIS. I think that it shows that there will be minimal impacts across categories from clean air permits and water resources to endangered species, minimal impacts.

We are in a dynamic situation in this country, and NIMBY-ism, and BANANA, Build Absolutely Nothing Anywhere, is going to get us in trouble. We try to bring a practical aspect and solutions to our energy needs and problems. There is a conundrum between the use of fossil fuels and climate change. We are seriously concerned about climate change, and we work on it all the time. But it is simply unreasonable to say you are never going to be using any more fossil fuels.

Our basic reasoning with that is that we should use those products as efficiently and as effectively as possible. Again, we support the project, and hopefully you will approve the application, and the Governor will

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2 follow your example. Thank you very much.

3 MR. OLSEN: Thank you, Peter

4 Gollon.

5 MR. GOLLON: Hi, my name is Peter

6 Gollon. I am the Energy Chair of the Long Island

7 Sierra Club, and on behalf of their 40,000

8 members statewide, 7,000 members on the island, I

9 appreciate the opportunity to come.

10 First I am going to tell you why I

11 oppose the project, because it is not needed.

12 Then I am going to tell you two things you have

13 never heard before about the function of the

14 project. It is not needed or will not be needed

15 because as we become more efficient in using

16 energy on Long Island, in terms of generating

17 more electricity, renewable from the sun and

18 wind, we will use less gas to generate

19 electricity.

20 As we make our homes more energy

21 efficient, we use less gas to heat them. As we

22 install geothermal heat pumps for heating and air

23 conditioning, we will need less gas to heat them.

24 So the consumption of gas on the island is going

25 down, not up, and will continue to do so in the

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future. For that reason alone, because it is not needed, I oppose it.

What you have not heard before is function of this energy facility. The Port Ambrose media information web site states the Port Ambrose project is the import only project. No exports will take place from the facility. The project will not have the technology, including the cooler equipment that would be needed to export gas. So if this is an import, where is it coming from? We have heard that gas overseas is much more expensive, three or four times what it is here. So the economics of bringing it in from overseas doesn't make sense. We have heard that it is cheaper on the Gulf Coast than it is here. There is only one problem. The Federal Jones Act prohibits the transportation from one American port to another American port of any item that is not on a ship that is built in an American shipyard. So to bring gas from the Gulf Coast to here, you need an American built LNG tanker, and those don't exist. They are Korean built. We don't have the technology or the expertise to build them.

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SP70-2 See responses to SP17-2 and SP23-8.

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2 So maybe it is for export. What
3 you haven't heard is that you can now buy a barge
4 or ship with a liquification plant on it. You
5 float that ship up, you dock it, you put a tanker
6 next to it, and you now take the gas from the
7 pipeline, liquify it and put it on the tanker.

8 There is one being built to use off
9 the coast of Columbia. A Norwegian shipping
10 company, Golar, the oil company Protel, and
11 Accelerated Energy are all having them built now.
12 So maybe that is the future of this project, and
13 nobody has told you about it. Thank you.

14 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Before we
15 go on to the next speaker, one thing we have been
16 trying to do is fit everyone in to the time. We
17 were told that we had to stop at 10:00. We know
18 that we can go to 11:00, so we have more time.
19 There are still about 25 speakers left on this
20 list.

21 I am going to give you several here
22 on who is next. Again, if we are going to get 25
23 done in about an hour and 5 minutes, we need you
24 to be as crisp as you can. We do want everyone
25 to have the opportunity. Let me get several

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speakers in a row, and then you are going to start. Ron Benenati, John Cori, Trisha Sheehan, Janet Sorensen, Catie Tobin, Cassandra Ornell, Richard Thomas, Jim Donoffrio, Elisa Hinken, Alan Benitz-Lells, Jack Friedman, Glen Wolf. There is like another page and a half. Go ahead, sir.

MR. BENENATI: Hi. I am Ron

Benenati. I am with SUSTAINABLEBUSINESS.COM, and we have been tracking the clean energy industry since 1996 on the web. We provide an index for NASDAQ. We write for Solar Today and for HILL.COM, and other publications as well. I am going to submit in writing a document that shows recent research, including NASA imagery, which has observable data which shows the leakage that comes from methane extraction, from transportation and storage, makes methane barely better, if at all, than coal as a fuel as far as climate change goes.

But I want to talk to you about another thing that I have done for the last two years. I have taken a sabbatical and I spent two years working full time rebuilding the South Shore of Long Island with my friends and fellow

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organizations. I spent a year with FEMA working with voluntary organizations, coming to help people, and I spent a year with grass roots organizations in communities taking their own time to rebuild their neighbors' homes, raising their homes 10 and 15 feet in order that Liberty can sell and burn natural gas. That is insane.

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Why are we spending billions of dollars on resiliency, and then putting it in natural gas ports, and expanding the fossil fuel industry? I think my tag line is if the typewriter industry had as much money and power as the fossil fuel industry, we would not have word processing today.

SP71-2 See response to SP62-3

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Let me just hit two points.

Building a natural gas plant is not consistent with New York's recent decision to ban fracking. If health issues are such a concern, why are we then taking our other citizens around the country and promoting this industry so that they can do fracking? If we are serious about the health considerations, we should be serious for all Americans.

SP71-3 Thank you for your comment.

The second issue, we have a

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commitment to meet 80 percent greenhouse gas reduction by 2050. We have a bridge fuel, and we are building more infrastructure for bridge fuels, but it is time to walk across that bridge fuel and start to develop the renewable resources.

A gentleman said there was people that didn't want wind energy. We had 20,000 signatures from people on Long Island who wanted wind energy, but only two people showed up who did not want wind energy at LIPA's last meeting. So there is real public consensus, depending on where you look. So I hope you look closely. Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. John Cori? Trisha Sheehan? Janet Sorensen.

MS. SORENSEN: My name is Janet Sorensen. I am 26 years with the Long Beach Police Department. I am retired four months. One of my jobs was securing the periphery around the high pressure gas line rupture at Long Beach Road and the beach. There is a gas line that supplies half of Long Island there, and it was a high pressure gas line. We couldn't use our

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radios because static electricity could set off
an explosion. There are industrial accidents.

I would like to know who is going
to police this if it goes through? Who is going
to clean up if the tankers spill their fuel if
there are oil spills. The first speaker, I
believe, was from the Coast Guard, said that
there would be a minimal number of shipments for
import, and that there would be a minimal number
of shipments.

Ronald Reagan limited the amount of
natural gas that could be exported. That is
going to be lifted in 2016. He also said that if
they wanted to export, there would have to be a
new application and a new application fee. Even
if that fee was \$1 billion, they wouldn't blink.
They are unfathomably financed. They are going
to be exporting gas, and yes, we probably will be
using less natural gas because the price of it is
going to be so high, they will sooner sell their
gas to Europe, who pays three times as much as we
do. So when our prices go up, they did say at
one of the last meetings that I was at, that it
would stabilize gas prices, but it doesn't

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SP72-1 See response to SA4-1 for a discussion of safety.

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stabilize it when they start to export it.

30 years ago, I took my daughter for a bike ride on Ocean View Avenue, and it was at night after I came home from my job, and after we had dinner. We were bike riding on Wyoming Avenue. I hear from the blackness of the ocean (moaning sound). I said oh, my God, that sounds like a whale is dying. It is the worst sound I ever heard in my life, and just the thought of it has brought tears to my eyes at least 10 times tonight just thinking of having to think about this thing. You don't want to hear that again. The carcasses that are going to be coming up on the beach of the seals and the whales, a whale did die that night, and he came up on Wyoming Avenue.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

MS. SORENSEN: You don't want to hear that who is going to clean up the carcasses?

MR. OLSEN: Your time is up. Thank you very much. Cati Tobin? Cassandra Ornell? Cassandra? Richard Thomas? Jim Donofrio.

MR. DONOFRIO: Jim Donofrio.

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1 Recreational Fishing Alliance. I am the
2 Executive Director. From the onset of this
3 proposal, the Port Ambrose project, based on our
4 mission statement to protect the rights of salt
5 water anglers, protect the jobs in our industry,
6 and to ensure sustainable fisheries, we have
7 worked very closely looking at this. We have
8 talked to Liberty people in detail about their
9 proposed area. I think they have moved the
10 project to the most benign area as far as having
11 an impact on our fish. It is pretty much a sandy
12 bottom. Our marine scientists have analyzed the
13 bottom, and we have looked at the EIS, and we
14 scrutinized the EIS, and we are pleased. We see
15 that there is minimal impact on the environment.

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SP73-1 Thank you for your comment.

17 The other thing is the risk
18 assessment. We looked at that, and we are
19 pleased to see that, but we are still monitoring
20 the situation as it moves forward. Right now, we
21 are pleased with what we see with the project,
22 and hopefully this can be a positive thing for
23 the people in our industry, that here heat their
24 homes in Long Island and New York, and maybe even
25 Jersey, to get some benefits from this. But

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SP73-2 Thank you for your comment.

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right now, we haven't seen anything negative as far as an impact on our fisheries or the fishermen. Thank you very much.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next is Elisa Hinken. Alan Bentz-Letts, Jack Friedman, Glen Wolf, Dave Dou or Doce. Ruth Shalom. Is this Elisa?

MS. HINKEN: Good evening. I did read the volume of papers, and I have some notes that I would like to share. My name is Elisa Hinken. On the DEIS dockets page,

REGULATIONS.GOV, there was a new notice put up from the U.S. Coast Guard that was put up on January 5th. I found that it was disingenuous that this report cannot be thoroughly reviewed before tonight's meeting.

It also talked about in the DEIS about earthquakes off Rockaway. On chapter 3.0, affected environment, there is about half a page that is devoted to seismic activity, and it says 'it has been relatively stable over the past several hundred years.' That is not true, because in 1884, the report states rightfully there was an earthquake, but in today's

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The Notice of Availability was published on December 18, 2014. Newspaper notices were placed in several regional and national newspaper prior to the public meetings, including The New York Times, Asbury Park Press, NJ Star Ledger, and Long Island Herald. On February 3, 2015, MARAD published a notification in the Federal Register (80 FR 5883) which extended the closing date for receipt of public comments on the Port Ambrose draft EIS to March 16, 2015. This 30-day extension of the mandated 60-day public comment period was issued in response to numerous requests submitted by State and local officials as well as citizens, in the affected areas, for additional time to review and comment on the draft EIS.

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There is the potential for seismic activity of various magnitudes at any location in the world. One of the primary missions of the United States Geologic Survey (USGS) is to predict the potential for an earthquake to occur and at what magnitude. Based on past earthquake activity in the area the USGS predicts that there is a moderate risk of an earthquake occurring. The New Jersey Geologic Survey indicates that damaging earthquakes are rare in this area.

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standards, it would cost billions of dollars in damage and cost lives. So the report is not really accurately reflecting the earthquake of 1884 that occurred off the coast of Rockaway, and there were a few more earthquakes there as well.

Secondly, the environmental impacts, common fisheries, common fish that are off the coast. A lot of commercial fisheries will be impacted as well as the recreational fisherman. It was minimized in the reports regarding what kind of fish. Were they bluefish, striped bass, pollock, et cetera, and it is not clearly stated.

Also, we have not seen whales in these numbers in my lifetime, like we have seen whales off the coast of Rockaway, Long Beach, Jones Beach. Go to Google, look up Rockaway whales, look up Long Beach whales on YouTube, astronomically wonderful.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you very much. Your time is up. Ruth Shalom? Jane Kendall? Ann Mayer? After Ann will be Tim Woodcock, Ashley Fallon, Rav Freidel, Scott Bechner.

MS. MAYER: Thank you for being

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SP74-3 Sections 3.2 and 4.2 have been updated to include additional fisheries information.

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here. I am really, as a citizen, getting tired of having to fight for sane policy, especially this LNG platform, as I am an environmental activist, as I consider myself to be. They proposed a broadwater LNG platform on Long Island Sound. It was a very successful activist effort, and I think we are going to be very successful getting rid of this, because I think these companies really underestimated the power and the intelligence of New Yorkers.

What I would like to say to the African American man who should not brought race into this issue at all because it is not a race issue, what Martin Luther King would have said to him, and I can paraphrase. I have heard it from friends who I meet every day. "We begin to die when we remain silent about things that matter."

This matters. This matters to New Yorkers, it matters to my kids, it matters to the future of everybody sitting here at this table. The writing is on the wall, what is happening to our environment with climate change. Anybody with half a brain, and I believe you guys have a brain and a half, it must be extremely difficult

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for you to sit here and listen to this kind of testimony and trying to be objective. It is beyond the point of being objective. It is not about money any more. It is about the survival of this gem that sits in the middle of our solar system on a favored basis.

I think it is almost probably irreversible, the damage that has been done. To get off of this fossil fuel kick and this addiction, it is nothing short of an addiction. The gas man talked about it. Yes, our tires are made of rubber, it is true. How are we going to get off of this addiction without trying?

The only way it is going to happen, we are not going to have enough fuel, by the way. When we finally do figure it out, where is the fuel going to come from to make this old house like in the 1970s, when we were all sitting on gas lines with Jimmy Carter? We have got to get smart, and we have got to do something now while we still have a chance.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Tim Woodcock.

MR. WOODCOCK: Yes. Thank you.

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SP75-1 See response to SP23-7.

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1 panelists. My name is Tim Woodcock. I am a
2 renewable energy project developer in the
3 tri-state area. I know this is an environmental
4 assessment, more or less, but on the other hand,
5 you still have to heat homes and you have got to
6 provide and negotiate. I have built five
7 megawatts or so in Long Island and Jersey in
8 solar, and I have never been more than 30 percent
9 less than retail on an electricity basis. So we
10 are out of this polar vortex or whatever. Our
11 use is steady. There are T grade or it is an
12 outright purchase orders or something like that,
13 and we can figure that out. So we are cheaper,
14 and not just solar.

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16 But here in the New York City
17 region, eight out of nine buildings are suitable
18 for ground source heat pumps. You guys have been
19 doing that. In fact, it is not too complicated,
20 but it takes care of all base load and peak load
21 heat for a given structure. If we are talking
22 about LNG or something that will cover the heat
23 load for a region, here we just did it for one
24 out of the nine buildings, but I am pretty sure
25 we can come up with an electric base load for

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that stuff too. So I am not really buying that one.

Jerry Kremer, I was surprised. He said that there is nothing in alternative energy, and I am sure you guys know different. The NYSDPS, the Department of Public Service, they launched this mission called RED, to provide an energy vision for New York State. It is probably the most exciting thing in energy in North America, as far as I am concerned. We are talking about turning utilities from one way distribution mechanisms to becoming to traffic cops, a really complex distribution system to serve as platform providers for people like myself, to provide energy in the mix, a regional energy mix in real time. It is kind of exciting. My industry enjoys \$16 billion a year in subsidies. That pales in comparison to the \$500 billion to fossil fuels that have been grandfathered from 100 years ago.

The last thing, I understood Liberty, if they are still here, my industry grows 50 percent per year. I would like to hire them. I think they are really smart. They came

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up with this really cool idea that I don't agree with, but we have a safer way to do what we need to do, which is to provide energy solutions here in New York State. So thanks for inviting me to speak.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Ashley

Fallon is next. Some of the other names coming up, Ray Freidel, Scott Bechner, Ida Sanoff, Ray Ellmer, Nick Lynn, Anthony Wright and Sean Dixon.

MS. FALLON: My name is Ashley

Fallon, and I am a native of Breezy Point, New York. I grew up on the beach, and I deeply love the Rockaway community. I am not sure if you know the deal, but I am sure a lot of people from Connecticut can tell you what it is like to watch a storm like Sandy come through and destroy everything: your home, your family's home, your friends' home. Pretty much everyone you know, your neighbors, every hurricane season, we think about them. Those homes flooded or burned to the ground, as 110 of them did just a block from my home in Breezy Point.

I have spent two agonizing years watching my family struggle to get home, and we

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1 did, we were lucky. When I say lucky, it was two
2 years ago. There are a lot of others that
3 haven't, and a lot of others that are still
4 really struggling to rebuild. Like someone said
5 before, they are not here tonight because they
6 are thinking about getting home, they are
7 thinking about other things. They are tired,
8 they are stressed out, and they can't be here,
9 but I am, so here I am.

11 If Sandy is a natural disaster that
12 hurt us, Port Ambrose is a man made disaster
13 poised to kill us. You cannot do this to us.
14 For me and my family, my neighbors, to anyone who
15 loves the beach, let us have it. We have
16 suffered enough, and the madness has to stop. It
17 is time to use some caution and be thoughtful.
18 If we don't know that this is 100 percent safe,
19 then you can't do it. Breezy Point represents
20 every coastal community. Please deny Port
21 Ambrose. We will take the wind. Thank you.

22 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Ray
23 Freidel? Scott Bechner? Ida Sanoff? Ray
24 Ellmer?

25 MR. ELLMER: Thank you and good

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evening. My name is Ray Ellmer. I am a resident of the City of Long Beach. I am also a volunteer fire fighter, and on the Board of Trustees of the medical center. At one time, I was a co-chair and advisor on the LNG projects. I keep thinking why do these projects come back?

I believe it is two reasons. One is Jerry Kremer, former State Assemblyman. He is a lobbyist for this particular project. A former Senator, Alphonse D'Amato, was a lobbyist for Atlantic Sea Isle, a man made gas island that was turned down by Governor Christie.

It is pretty simple. Governor Christie, Governor Cuomo, veto Port Ambrose. It is a domestic Homeland Security issue. It is in a place where we have ocean dumping during the 1960s, 1970s and 1980s. Again, sea life is finally coming back. We got rid of the ocean dumping.

We have come a long way, but we did have Hurricane Sandy, and Long Beach, Atlantic City, the Rockaways, we didn't have flooding. We were in the Atlantic Ocean. We never saw 38 to 47 foot waves. We had huge buoys with huge

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1 chains just ripped up from that ocean. We never
2 saw the ocean like that before. We were one
3 rogue wave away from losing the Statue of
4 Liberty. It was that high of a high tide. These
5 man made projects in our ocean, you have to use
6 extreme caution. There are Homeland Security
7 issues.

8 Also, there are navigational
9 issues. The Ambrose Lighthouse was
10 decommissioned because those cargo ships off Long
11 Beach kept hitting the lighthouse while the
12 lighthouse was on. You put this LNG project with
13 a wind farm, you are having a navigational
14 disaster out there. So I am just saying it
15 should be vetoed. I do believe in wind power,
16 not only in the ocean, but in our area, we have
17 these landfills. Put them on top of the
18 landfills, where they will be an alternative
19 source of energy. Because again, the coastal
20 areas have really been hit really hard, and for
21 this particular project, it is just way too
22 dangerous. Thank you.

23 MR. OLSEN: Nick Lynn? Anthony
24 Wright? Sean Dixon.

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MR. DIXON: Good evening. My name
is Sean Dixon. I am a private citizen, and a
business owner of a business that depends on
fisheries in the New York, New Jersey region.

I am going to be brief and I am
going to be sending you some comments, but I did
want to get to some things out here at the public
meeting that were not reviewed in the DEIS, I
don't think, overall.

The headline of a lot of issues
that were raised in scoping, and a lot of the
questions that have been raised in-between as to
specifically one set of issues, energy markets,
and need have really been addressed. The issue
of need here is not something I believe the Army
Corps is going to have to look at. I believe it
is something that the final EIS has to do a much
better job of reviewing. First and foremost, the
DEIS says that demand is up. It says that state
wide, there is this need that has been stated by
energy policies. It says that we need more LNG,
and the state has said that. These conclusions
are actually inaccurate, and they are
mischaracterizations of what the state has said.

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1 First, the energy plan actually
2 says, and this is what is really a dangerous
3 feeling and wrong, especially when it is being
4 relied on in Section One of the application under
5 the EIS here on energy market needs. The energy
6 plan says that LNG imports are dying, and are not
7 issues for the New York State market. The energy
8 plan then goes on to talk about all the other
9 ways that New York State is going to meet its
10 energy needs without LNG facilities. The only
11 LNG discussed is in terms of storage. So to rely
12 on that, and this is precisely taken from the
13 EIS, which is wrong. It is wrong in that it
14 shows a need for LNG facilities. It shouldn't
15 happen in the final EIS, and that is something
16 that we said in scoping that was not addressed in
17 this EIS.

18 Second, state wide need. This is a
19 pipe going to Long Island, and the community
20 where it is going to land came out unanimously
21 against this. The communities that are on Long
22 Island are opposed to this. There was no
23 announcement in the EIS of the market impacts to
24 supply Long Island with slightly more gas in a
25

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SP79-2 See response to FA4-2 for a discussion of purpose and need, and peak demand.

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2 peak situation, if Liberty was able to do so

3 given the market economics of purchasing on an

4 open market. Without that, you are looking at a

5 situation where you are implying that everything

6 that happens in New York State is going to be

7 benefitted from this one small project that isn't

8 going anywhere.

9 So these were all things that were

10 said in scoping. At the end of the day, there is

11 no DOE license for imports here. We don't know

12 if this were referred. There would be a lot more

13 analysis on the energy market implications and

14 the economics of this decision. There have been

15 none so far today. We will be getting into a lot

16 more of this in the written comments. I

17 appreciate your five hours of listening. Thank

18 you.

19 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Frank

20 Eadis or Edie? Ellen Weininger? While she is

21 coming up, the next speaker is Kevin O'Neill,

22 Heidi Huntner, Lauren Hughes.

23 MS. WEININGER: Good evening. My

24 name is Ellen Weininger. I am an environmental

25 health educator, and Director of Educational

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Outreach at Grassroots Environmental Education, a New York science based environmental health nonprofit working with leading medical and scientific experts to educate the public regarding the links between environmental exposures and human health and environmental impacts. We serve local and state governments, school systems, civic and other organizations and health care professionals in the tri-state area and nationwide.

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Grassroots Environmental Education is opposed to the permitting of this highly polluting and climate changing infrastructure project, and strongly urges the No Action alternative. Instead, the wind farm project already proposed for the region should proceed. Renewable energy, energy efficiency and conservation measures provide readily available, cost effective options, and exclude the need for Port Ambrose as an import or export facility.

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The Draft EIS is deeply flawed, and lacks complete analyses, cumulative impacts, health impact assessment and other critical data. The air quality issue has not been fully

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SP80-1 See response to SP17-3.

SP80-2 See response to SP26-2.

SP80-3 Liberty submitted an Air Permit Application and Air Quality Evaluation to EPA in March 2014, with an addendum submitted in September 2014. These permit application documents, which were relied upon in preparation of the draft EIS/final EIS, include impact assessments for Project operating emissions, including dispersion modeling analyses for criteria pollutants, and modeling for hazardous air pollutant impacts in accordance with NYSDEC's Guidelines for the Control of Toxic Air Contaminants. These modeling analyses demonstrate that operating impacts for the Project will be in compliance with all federal and state guidelines for acceptable ambient pollutant concentrations. Language to this effect has been added to Section 4.10.3 of the final EIS. Regarding the potential for ground level ozone formation, the Project will comply with all applicable requirements for protection of human health in ozone nonattainment areas, including: meeting the Lowest Achievable Emission Rate (LAER) through the use of selective catalytic reduction (SCR) to reduce operational NOx emissions from the LNGRVs; purchasing NOx emission offsets for the remaining NOx emissions from LNGRV operation; and purchasing NOx emission offsets for calendar year 2017 construction emissions, in accordance with the General Conformity regulations for nonattainment areas.

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addressed, and the attitude regarding toxic air emissions anticipated during the project's construction and routine operations is cavalier and dismissive. The Draft EIS states that there are no air monitoring buoys in close proximity to the project, and makes no provisions to address this.

My comments today will focus on specific aspects of air quality. Nitrogen oxides and VOCs, in addition to other toxic emissions in the construction and operations phase of the project are of concern, and in particular combine in the presence of sunlight to form ground level ozone. This region is already considered a non attainment area for air quality standards by the EPA, and exceeds thresholds for ground level ozone. According to the EPA, ground level ozone travels long distances. According to data provided by the American Lung Association states that this region is already poorly ranked at number 12 for high ozone days out of 277 metropolitan areas, and can ill afford further degradation of air quality and increasing levels of ozone pollution.

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The U.S. EPA and other health agencies indicate that ground level ozone pollution poses serious health threats, causing respiratory damage, including worsening of asthma, COPD, pulmonary inflammation. Short term and long term exposure is likely to cause premature death. Ozone can impact cardiovascular systems, triggering heart attacks, strokes, congestive heart failure, heart disease, and may also adversely impact neurological deficits and reproductive systems and cause developmental change. Children are a uniquely vulnerable population. Pound for pound, children take in more contaminants than adults do, and their organ systems are not fully developed and equipped to detoxify. Even low levels can be deadly.

A large study of 48 U.S. cities looked at the association between ozone pollution and all causes of mortality during the summer months. Ozone concentrations by the city in the summer months range from 16 to 80 percent lower than what EPA currently considers safe. In closing, the alternatives analysis is at the Corp of the NEPA, and should be comprehensively

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addressed in the EIS with the most up to date literature. Dr. Mark Jacobsen at Stanford University, the lead author of a groundbreaking peer reviewed study demonstrated the technical and economic feasibility of converting New York's energy infrastructure to rely exclusively on clean energy. This plan will reduce air pollution, greenhouse gas emissions and health care costs, stimulate clean job growth, reduce energy demand and reliance on polluting and climate changing fossil fuels. We strongly oppose the Port Ambrose project and urge Governor Cuomo to veto this project. Thank you.

MR. OLSEN: Ma'am, your time is up. Thank you. Kevin O'Neill? Heidi Huntner? Lauren Hughes?

MS. HUGHES: I would like to thank you for the opportunity to speak so late this evening, and thank you for all the people who stayed to hear our comments. I hope this demonstrates even more the need to have more of these public hearings.

My name is Lauren Hughes. I am a policy director and attorney for Grassroots

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Environmental Education. As our colleague Ellen described, we are a nonprofit, environmental health advocacy organization based here in Nassau County.

For several years, our work has largely focused on the health consequences of extraction processes, the use of fracking waste products, and the effects of an expanded natural gas pipeline and infrastructure around New York State and beyond. I am also a resident of Long Beach, New York, and as such, I echo the sentiments and comments of so many of the great advocates here in regards to issues of coastal protection, public safety and economic impacts for our region.

My remarks will also focus on the air and health impacts of the proposed terminal. The Draft Environmental Impact Assessment does not adequately take into consideration the short and long term adverse air quality impacts that will occur through all stages of construction operations. Long Beach and the south shore of Nassau, as well as other coastal communities in the region at large will be subjected to

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See response to SP18-2. See response to CO132-14 for a discussion of extreme weather conditions which could potentially impact the deepwater port and mitigation measures that would be implemented to avoid damage to an LNGRV or the deepwater port.

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2 increased ozone, particulate matter, carbon
3 monoxide, methane releases and more. Especially
4 concerning are the significant levels of nitrogen
5 oxide and DOCS, among other toxic emissions
6 described in the Draft EIS. These combine in the
7 presence of sunlight to form ground level ozone.
8 As you heard, we are not at attainment city
9 levels.

10 All of this, of course, is assuming
11 normal scenarios. It does not take into account
12 the potential contamination that could result
13 from an accident or leaks, the impact of a severe
14 weather event, and other factors that would
15 further exacerbate the situation. The EIS
16 assumes the air impacts would be "predominantly
17 insignificant." But the complex modeling,
18 monitoring and more that these emissions require
19 begs the question why are we contemplating the
20 construction of such a fleeting facility in such
21 close proximity to large communities in areas
22 where air quality is already threatened?

23 I have will include more in depth
24 analysis in my written comments, but thank you
25 again for staying so late this evening.

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SP81-1 See response to SP18-2. See response to CO132-14 for a discussion of extreme weather conditions which could potentially impact the deepwater port and mitigation measures that would be implemented to avoid damage to an LNGRV or the deepwater port.

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MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Denise
Ford? Dennis Hart? Jim Fouratt? You are Jim?

MR. FOURATT: I am Jim Fouratt. It
has been a long evening, and I appreciate you
staying and paying attention. I live in the West
Village in Manhattan, and our minimal blast zone
has been designated if there is ever an accident
from this prospective pipeline. I am also old,
and I belong to a couple of groups of seniors and
elders. Our biggest concerns about the world
that we live, and leave for our children and our
grandchildren.

We have heard a lot of science
tonight, which I agree with. But I just want to
talk on a human level about the difference
between this liquid gas, which is highly
combustible, being put in a place where people
live and people play.

You have to ask yourself a very
fundamental question. Are you willing to put
your name on a document that puts at risk people,
their children and their grandchildren? That is
the essential question. It is not about profit,
it is not about liquid gas. It is about liquid

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SP82-1 See response to SP1-2.

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1 gas. You also have to ask yourself about
2 renewable energy. We know what fossil fuel does.
3 There is no debate about it. We know it provides
4 energy, we know that it is dirty, we know that it
5 is dangerous. Renewable energy is not.
6

7 These are the basic questions that
8 each of you has to ask yourself, and I just hope
9 that you can have the consciousness to say no,
10 and yes to renewable energy.

11 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. That was
12 the last speaker that was signed up on the list.

13 (A discussion was had off the record.)

14 MR. OLSEN: At this point, we can
15 take other speakers. That is the point, but
16 every name has been called. Let me see a show of
17 hands of those who think they have not been
18 called. Perhaps two.

19 MR. GALE: My name is Ken Gale,
20 and I am the host and producer of an
21 environmental radio show on WBAI FM. In that
22 capacity, I get to interview a lot of people
23 around the country. After the BP spill, I talked
24 to some people from Louisiana, and they mentioned
25 that every single rig, every single one of them

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SP82-2 Thank you for your comment.

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SP83-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 has leaked or spilled, every one. Indeed,
2 Louisiana has no beach tourism to speak of,
3 because their beaches are dirty.

4 Long Island does have beach
5 tourism. New Jersey does have shore tourism.
6 So you can't sacrifice all of those jobs that
7 tourism provides for a hand full of jobs for an
8 oil company. If we have an oil spill, people
9 cancel their plans. They were going to go to the
10 beach for a week, for two weeks or whatever.
11 They don't go. They change the plans. Not just
12 for the time of the spill. Any spill that
13 happens affects tourism for months. People
14 change their plans, they change their traditions.
15 You can't let that happen.

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16 I also wanted to mention in more
17 detail something that one of the other speakers
18 spoke of. There are at least 100 species of
19 birds that use the shores of New Jersey and Long
20 Island and just off shore for migration and for
21 feeding. Some of them are endangered species.
22 You have got grebes, you have got loons, ducks,
23 geese, sand pipers, plovers, herons and more.
24 One accident at the wrong time is going to impact
25

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SP83-1 Thank you for your comment.

SP83-2 See Sections 3.2.5 and 3.3.1 for a discussion of coastal and marine birds, including threatened and endangered species.

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all those species, which is another reason not to allow this stuff going on out there. The location of this hearing implies you seem to want to protect the oil industry. Please protect the wildlife and the tourism industries.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. That was Ken Gale. I didn't see your name on any of the other rosters, but we are open to other speakers as long as we have time. I have 10:30, so we have more time. Ma'am, your name?

MS. MINICHIELLO: Hi, my name is

Nicole Minichiello. Thank you so much for being here and for taking our comments after the 10 o'clock time. I very much appreciate you still being here, and everyone in the audience still being here as well. It is very kind of you to wait to hear the last comments.

I imagine that some of you up there have families, have children. I am married, and I myself am considering whether to have children. It puts fear in my heart to think of the way the world might be in 10 years, 20 years, 30 years. When my children are my age, what will the world be like?

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This is our world. It is our only world, the only place we can live, and we are using our resources as quickly as we possibly can. We are using our gas, we are using our oil, we are chopping down our trees, and to think that we want to build something else to facilitate this is mind blowing, if you think about what we actually want the world to look like.

I think that is really what we have to consider, what do we want this world to look like. We all need resources, we all use energy. We have got lights in this room, heat, but we have to find a smarter way if we want the world to look like we want it to look. We want to make this world to be a place that we want our children to grow up. This is our world, it is our only world, our land, our water, our air, and we must take responsibility for it. Thank you very much.

MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Is there anyone else who has not spoken yet and would like to speak? Please state your name and spell it.

MS. SULLIVAN: Good evening. My name is Julie Sullivan, S-U-L-L-I-V-A-N. A few

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SP84-1 Thank you for your comment.

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2 people spoke tonight and asked questions like why

3 would we want to import natural gas, and who is

4 Liberty Natural Gas anyway. I did some research.

5 I went on line, and I discovered that Liberty

6 Natural Gas is a subsidiary, and it is very

7 recent that this has happened so you might not be

8 aware of it, it is a subsidiary of West Base

9 Global Master Fund. This hedge fund also owns

10 Meridian Holdings, which is building an import

11 LNG in England. So is Liberty likely to import?

12 You tell me, and tell me is a hedge fund likely

13 to protect our resources, or is it more likely to

14 violate state and federal standards? Is it more

15 likely not to consider exogeneity and cumulative

16 impacts, unexpected consequences in order to

17 generate short term profits, because that is

18 going to be the only reason a hedge fund is

19 overseeing all of this.

20 So take that into consideration,

21 and would you please advise Governor Cuomo to

22 this deny action, the LNG in New York State.

23 Thank you.

24 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Anymore

25 else who has not spoken yet, who would like to,

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please. It seems like there is no one else who wants to speak. There is the opportunity for someone who has spoken, who may do so again.

MS. MAYER: I will state my name again. It is Anne Mayer. I would just like to add also that I am an electrical engineer, and that I am a graduate of the Maritime College. I got a little off track, but I do know about navigation and these ships. I remember learning when I was in school that you are paid more money to work on these ships because of the inherent dangers involved. This is a dangerous technology, and your report even makes mention of a thermal effect. I am not sure what that comes from if there is an explosion, but these things are known, because it also says that LNG doesn't explode. I am not sure what the basis at the beginning of the report is, but it is a little misleading, and especially in light of some of the testimony here. There have been incidents occurring where there have been explosions.

In a densely populated area like New York, we don't need that technology. Also, you showed the chart, which is kind of

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1 interesting, and then the precautionary area,
2 which is a really relatively small area, and
3 these ships are huge. I think to really make an
4 impact and let people know what is involved would
5 be to put an overlay of one of these ships in
6 that area. Then to also show the offsets from
7 the ship, and what is going to be involved in
8 terms of recreational activity.

9 I am also a sailor. I have been in
10 offshore international racing for 10 years, and
11 it is like it will just completely hamper the
12 recreational aspect of sailing around Long
13 Island. Thank you.

14 MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

15 MR. ELLMER: Ray Ellmer, Long
16 Beach, New York. I know a representative of the
17 Army Corps Project is here. I am from Long
18 Beach, and part of this project is the LNG, but I
19 really think the real important project is the
20 Army Corps project, and we don't need
21 refurbishing of 50 percent of our jetties. We
22 need 100 percent of our jetties.

23 There are also plans for an outdoor
24 pipe for our sewage treatment plant for Lido
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SP86-2 Figure 4.7-1 was added to Section 4.7 in the final EIS. This figure identifies the proposed Mainline and Port facility and known commercial and recreational fishing areas in the NY Bight.

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2 Beach, Cedar Creek and Bay Park, which just were
3 devastated during Sandy. The game plan now is
4 for an outdoor pipe, two miles out. Maybe you
5 can take those LNG guys, and get that pipeline 15
6 miles out. Thank you.
7 MR. OLSEN: Thank you.
8 MS. MAYER: That would put many of
9 those guys to work on the Army Corps projects and
10 the outdoor pipe project. Especially we need
11 the jetty refurbishment as well as the dunes.
12 Thank you.
13 MR. OLSEN: Do any other previous
14 speakers want to take the mic again? Thank you.
15 With that, I assume this meeting is done.
16 Mr. Borland, I will turn it back over to you.
17 MR. BORLAND: I appreciate
18 everybody's attendance. It has been a long
19 evening. We still have folks here, so thanks for
20 sticking it out and providing the comments. Our
21 Court Reporter will be making a verbatim
22 transcript of this hearing, which will be part of
23 the record, and certainly available for the
24 public to review. I have on my watch 10:40. It
25 is now 10:40. This concludes this public hearing

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SP87-2 Thank you for your comment.

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2 on the draft EIS for the Port Ambrose deep water
3 port license application. We are now adjourned.

4 Thank you and good night.

5 (TIME NOTED: 10:40 P.M.)

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Maritime Administration
Docket No. USC-2013-0363

In Re: TRANSCRIPT OF
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Deepwater Port License Application
Liberty Natural Gas, LLC,
Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
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1 going to respect those ground rules. So, in fact,
2 if you would, just turn to your neighbor and say,
3 let's respect the ground rules. Go ahead.

4 Excellent. Excellent. Excellent. I heard the
5 ELMO.

6 So, with that, our first speaker,
7 I'm going to go ahead and list all the speakers off
8 the first page. These are elected officials. We'll
9 do them in this order. And this might be the person
10 or a person representing their office. It's Jim
11 Walsh. Then the office of Frank Pallone. Then
12 Caroline Casagrande, Joe Warner and then Senator
13 Jennifer Beck.

14 If Jim Walsh or if a representative
15 could come up to the mic?

16 MR. WALSH: My name is Jim Walsh.
17 I'm a committeeman, but I'm really -- hi. My name
18 is Jim Walsh. I'm a committeeman, but I'm also the
19 mid-atlantic director for Food and Water Watch and
20 we represent, we have thousands of supporters across
21 the State of New Jersey. And when I look at the
22 Fort Ambrose project, it is a largely unnecessary
23 project that will lock us into future generations of
24 climate change, future generations of economic
25 instability and future generations impacted by water

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SP88-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 contamination.

2 Your administration wants to ignore
 3 the realities of the links of this project to
 4 fracking and ignore the fact that there's a very
 5 easy application process that these, that the
 6 proponents of this facility can put forward that
 7 will allow them to export gas.

8 When you look at the economics of
 9 this proposal, there's a couple of things that
 10 really concern me and one is the fact that gas is
 11 not coming into the United States. It is being
 12 exported and a major push is to export gas to other
 13 countries and to ignore that reality is to bury your
 14 heads in the sand. And we need to look at that.

15 When you look at the burning of
 16 methane, methane is a far more potent greenhouse gas
 17 than CO2. You are locking us into continued
 18 reliance on fossil fuels that are going to continue
 19 to bring about more climate change, more Hurricane
 20 Sandy type events, more Hurricane Floyd type of
 21 events, more droughts in the west that are pushing
 22 up food crisis for us here in the northeast and
 23 tremendous issues. When you look at the economics
 24 of this proposal and what's happening now, you don't
 25 have to look farther than what the oil and gas

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1 industries is doing in laying off thousands of
2 workers across the country right now because of the
3 downturn in gas prices. We are, essentially,
4 looking at a major speculative market. What does
5 that give me a minute? All right.

6 The oil and gas industry is
7 existing in a speculative market and this continues
8 to rely on a boom and bust economy. And we need to
9 put these folks to work here today, but instead of
10 putting them to work on unnecessary and risky
11 projects, why not put them to work on projects that
12 are going to invest in our roads, in our bridges,
13 invest in our public drinking water infrastructure
14 that is significantly, that is in significant need
15 of development and will help improve and strengthen
16 our country rather than weakening us in the long
17 run. Thank you very much for your time.

18 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. The next
19 speaker, representative from the office of Frank
20 Ballone.

21 MS. REBSCHER: Good evening. I'm
22 here to read a statement from Congressman Ballone.
23 He is in Washington tonight.

24 Thank you for having us here. I
25 apologize I could not be here in person with all of

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1 you this evening, but I am in Washington, DC because
 2 Congress is in session this week. I join with those
 3 of you who are here in opposition tonight to stand
 4 up against the industrialization of the Jersey
 5 Shore. Liberty Natural Gas is back with the same
 6 old plan, to put an industrial gas terminal off our
 7 coast, a plan that is strikingly similar to one
 8 vetoed by Governor Christie in 2011. I am opposed
 9 to the proposed Liberty Natural Gas offshore
 10 liquified natural gas project planned for 24 miles
 11 off the coast of Long Branch. I'm pleased that the
 12 public comment period has been extended by 30 days
 13 to March 16. During that time I encourage everyone
 14 to have their voice heard on this project.

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15 Throughout my tenure as an elected
 16 official, I have opposed industrial uses of the
 17 ocean. I have fought against offshore oil and gas
 18 drilling, as well as worked successfully to end
 19 ocean dumping. Instead of focusing on industrial
 20 uses of the ocean, our country and the State of New
 21 Jersey should be encouraging the use of renewable
 22 energy resources. Any energy development in the
 23 Atlantic should be from renewable sources, such as
 24 wind power and not polluting fossil fuels. The
 25 Obama administration is prioritizing offshore wind

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SP89-1 Thank you for your comment.

SP89-2 Thank you for your comment.

SP89-3 Thank you for your comment. Actual need for energy, or energy demand, fluctuates during the year depending on weather conditions and market conditions dictating industrial and commercial use. The periods in which demand for energy is highest is considered "peak demand". Gas markets follow this same general pattern, resulting in peaks in demand that correspond to system need. As stated in text added to Section 1.1 of the final EIS, peak demand has the potential to burden existing natural gas delivery systems, particularly during periods of extreme temperatures, such as the winter of 2013-14. Diversification of the natural gas supply, including pipeline expansion and LNG imports have the potential to prevent natural gas shortages caused by existing pipeline constraints and to help moderate energy costs.

1 energy development in the areas off the Atlantic
2 coast, including New Jersey. Wind power is exactly
3 the type of clean energy America should be investing
4 in, the type that will reduce our dependence on
5 foreign oil and gas and create jobs.

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6 This project may create an unknown
7 number of temporary jobs during the construction
8 phase, but we must also think of the jobs that would
9 be lost if an LNG spill occurred off our coast. The
10 Jersey Shore is a primary driver of tourism economy
11 that sustains nearly 500,000 jobs and generates
12 approximately \$50 billion in economic activity for
13 the state each year. In the late 1980s when beaches
14 were closed due to contaminated material washing
15 ashore, many jobs were lost in the local tourism
16 industry. When the Deepwater Horizon spill occurred
17 in the Gulf of Mexico, those local economies felt it
18 the hardest when tourism fell off drastically and
19 commercial fishermen were barred from fishing in
20 large swaths of the gulf. We cannot allow this to
21 happen off our coast.

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22 With the Jersey Shore still
23 recovering from Super Storm Sandy, we cannot risk
24 another blow to our coast from a liquified natural
25 gas spill. This past summer New Jersey had a strong

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Thank you for your concern. Marine use impacts of construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed Project have been reviewed, as described in Section 4.7 of the final EIS. Impacts would be concentrated during the short-term construction period, and any maintenance/repair activities, and would be minor given consideration to the existing traffic levels and patterns of ocean use in the proposed Project area.

Additionally, Liberty is committed to proposing compensatory mitigation for marine fishery resources that cannot be avoided. According to Liberty, mitigation would primarily address foregone fishery yield owing to operational seawater intakes but would also address displaced fishing opportunities by commercial fishing. The development of this compensatory plan would be coordinated with the appropriate federal and state agencies.

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Finally, as discussed in Section 5.3.3.1 of the final EIS, a review of available information indicates there are no recorded incidents regarding impacts on public safety and property caused by deepwater port facilities. Appendix P (LNG Facility and Carrier Safety Records) provides a review of available safety record information on LNG land-based facilities and LNG carriers.

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1 beach season with locals and tourists alike showing
2 Jersey pride by patronizing local businesses and
3 enjoying our replenished beaches. Just imagine what
4 a blow it would be to that recovery if a spill were
5 to occur. Frankly, I am surprised that this
6 proposed project is moving forward given Governor
7 Christie's public opposition to LNG facilities off
8 the coast of New Jersey and his previous veto of a
9 similar project in 2011. Under the Deepwater Port
10 Act Governor Christie, as the governor of an
11 adjacent coastal state, has the absolute power to
12 veto the Liberty Natural Gas project. New Jersey
13 should be taking a national lead on promoting a
14 forward looking energy policy that moves towards
15 increased use of renewable energy sources that
16 create jobs here at home and away from importing or
17 exporting polluting fossil fuels from other
18 countries.

19 MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

20 MS. REBSCHER: I'll continue to
21 work with my colleagues in Congress --

22 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Your time
23 is up. Next speaker, Caroline Casagrande.

24 MS. CASAGRANDE: Good evening. My
25 name is Assemblywoman Caroline Casagrande. I

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Thank you for your comment. Actual need for energy, or energy demand, fluctuates during the year depending on weather conditions and market conditions dictating industrial and commercial use. The periods in which demand for energy is highest is considered "peak demand". Gas markets follow this same general pattern, resulting in peaks in demand that correspond to system need. As stated in text added to Section 1.1 of the final EIS, peak demand has the potential to burden existing natural gas delivery systems, particularly during periods of extreme temperatures, such as the winter of 2013-14. Diversification of the natural gas supply, including pipeline expansion and LNG imports have the potential to prevent natural gas shortages caused by existing pipeline constraints and to help moderate energy costs. Alternatives, including design and location alternatives for the Port Ambrose Project as well as energy alternatives and the No Action Alternative, are addressed in Section 2.2.

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1 represent the 11th legislative district of Monmouth
2 County. I join other area, shore area lawmakers in
3 steadfast opposition to the construction of the Port
4 Ambrose Deepwater natural gas port. The
5 environmental implications are far too great and the
6 long-term consequences are unforeseeable. Back in
7 2011 Governor Christie vetoed a similar offshore LNG
8 facility citing security concerns and the protection
9 of our beaches. Those concerns have not gone away.
10 In fact, they are only heightened now.

11 In 2015 we're fighting the same
12 fight, that the one thing we've learned since 2011
13 is just how vulnerable our shore is. As one of my
14 constituents said to me recently, if this port blew,
15 the rush of water inland would make Sandy look like
16 a sunny day. New Jersey's beaches are vital to the
17 recreation and tourism industries of the Jersey
18 Shore. Since Sandy our focus has been to promote
19 the recovery efforts of the region, not needlessly
20 invite additional problems that can delay or impede
21 the recovery of our long suffering area.

22 This port would discharge 3.5
23 million gallons of chemically treated salt water and
24 require 20 miles of sea floor dredging to
25 accommodate this pipeline. Most importantly, Port

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Thank you for your comment. Utilizing Best Available Practices (BAT) and operational controls, impacts from proposed Port operations to ichthyoplankton would be minor as documented in Appendix K.

Section 4.1.3 indicates that approximately 3.5 million gallons of water will be discharged during hydrostatic testing. One of the main purposes of the hydrostatic testing at the end of the construction of the pipeline is to ensure that there will be no discharge to the environment once the pipeline becomes operational. The biocide tetrakis (hydroxymethyl) phosphonium sulfate will be used in this process. This biocide breaks down naturally shortly after discharge. This process will be regulated and monitored under a NPDES permit.

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SP90-3 Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 1.1, a component of the DWPA Application review is to "protect the interests of the United States and those of adjacent coastal States". New York and New Jersey have been designated as adjacent coastal states for the proposed Project. Impacts, both positive and negative from the construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed Project have been adequately addressed in Section 4 of the final EIS.

SP90-4 Thank you for your comment requesting an additional public hearing and a further extension of the comment period. As stated in a notification published by MARAD in the Federal Register (80 FR 5883), the comment period was extended for 30 days beyond the mandated 60-day public comment period. Written public comments may be submitted in lieu of, and/or in addition to, providing oral comments at a public meeting. The USCG and MARAD find that the public has been provided with several opportunities to comment on the draft EIS and it has been determined that an additional public hearing is not necessary. Additionally, an initial scoping period was initiated on June 24, 2013 with two scoping meetings held in July 2013. Finally, stakeholders will be provided with another opportunity to comment on the Project after the publication of the final EIS.

SP-90-5 Thank you for your concern. Marine use impacts of construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed Project have been reviewed, as described in Section 4.7 of the final EIS. Impacts would be concentrated during the short-term construction period, and any maintenance/repair activities, and would be minor given consideration to the existing traffic levels and patterns of ocean use in the proposed Project area. Additionally, Liberty is committed to proposing compensatory mitigation for marine fishery resources that cannot be avoided. According to Liberty, mitigation would primarily address foregone fishery yield owing to operational seawater intakes but would also address displaced fishing opportunities by commercial fishing. The development of this compensatory plan would be coordinated with the appropriate federal and state agencies.

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SP90-3 1 Ambrose brings no benefits to the State of New
2 Jersey. It promises more cost effective import and
3 delivery of natural gas to New York. The project
4 creates only five permanent jobs. This is hardly
5 the job creator that the proponents of this project
6 claim. What does it create in my district? It
7 creates more danger for the Jersey Shore.

8 As a matter of national policy, I
SP90-4 9 am confused as to why I would be trying to increase
10 our dependence on foreign energy sources. It makes
11 no sense to build an import facility. The US has
12 its own supply of natural gas. We are investing
13 heavily in alternative energy sources.

14 Finally, I have to speak as the
15 daughter and sister and niece of this year's Mako
16 Mania fishing champion. This zone was specifically
SP90-5 17 designed to provide a clean marine environment.
18 Commercial and recreational fishermen and divers
19 will be excluded from large areas of important
20 fishing grounds. As a lifelong Jersey Shore girl,
21 we know how important these commercial and
22 recreational fishing towns are to our state and
23 local economy.

24 Finally, as a security, shipping
SP90-6 25 traffic into the region is the busiest in the world,

SP90-6 The USCG and MARAD understand your concerns; however, an evaluation of public safety and property is provided in Section 5.3.3 of the final EIS, with a specific discussion of marine safety in Section 5.5. Additionally, an Independent Risk Assessment (IRA) (Appendix O) was prepared to assess impacts to human and property not associated with the Port from an event that compromises LNG containment. As part of the hazard identification (HAZAD) workshop, a thorough review of potential intentional attack scenarios against an LNGRV and Port facilities were developed. From the identified hazards, six release cases were identified and chosen to bracket the worst credible range of potential release scenarios on which to base the public safety evaluation. Further details regarding the identified hazards are provided in Section 5.4. Finally, as discussed in Section 5.3.3.1 of the final EIS, a review of available information indicates there are no recorded incidents regarding impacts on public safety and property caused by deepwater port facilities. Appendix P (LNG Facility and Carrier Safety Records) provides a review of available safety record information on LNG land-based facilities and LNG carriers.

1 the buffer zones required for safety around the LNG
2 terminals would greatly extend the inclusionary of
3 the zone that is already highly congested. The
4 construction of this facility could dramatically
5 affect shipping patterns and interfere with poor
6 traffic. When the governor vetoed it last time, he
7 was incredibly concerned about the heightened risk
8 in a densely populated area. I'm not sure how in
9 the days since 9/11 the Coast Guard, Homeland
10 Security and first responders don't have enough to
11 do to protect us from terrorism in this area. I
12 don't know why we'd add to that.

13 Finally, we've come a long way
14 protecting our ocean and ocean that was once the
15 dumping grounds of the region. We cannot go
16 backwards. I ask that this project be rejected.
17 Thank you.

18 MR. OLSEN: Thank you very much.
19 Joe Werner?

20 MR. WERNER: Good evening. My name
21 is Joe Werner. I'm am a Asbury Park councilman and
22 a 15 year union member and I am here in opposition
23 to the Port Ambrose project. And I think the case
24 is pretty simple. I'm astonished that we're back
25 here. The ocean is why we live here in New Jersey.

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SP91-1 1 We fish. We swim. We dive. We surf. But, more
2 important than that, it's what drives our economy.
3 It is the economic engine of our coastal area. And
4 what's happening here is short-term economic gain
5 for a corporation at the cost of long-term
6 prosperity for the people of New Jersey. By
7 industrializing our oceans, they are putting our
8 economic and ecological integrity at risk.

9 And to my brothers and sisters in
10 the unions here tonight, I would say that this
11 corporation is in the same class as all the
12 corporations that have shipped our jobs overseas and
13 are attacking our collective bargaining rights. And
14 as far as the jobs, as has been stated, these jobs
SP91-2 15 are going to be staged in Rhode Island and Albany
16 and we're talking about a total of eight permanent
17 jobs.

18 Finally, this is really a false
19 choice. This is a choice between jobs and a healthy
20 ecosystem and that's an absolute false choice. If
21 you can remember back to the early 2000s when we had
22 the mud dump issue and there was a hearing out in
23 Fort Monmouth, all the longshoremen came down and
24 they were told the port's going to be closed if we
25 closed down the mud dump. Well guess what, we

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1 closed down the mud dump. Is the port still open?
 2 Yes, absolutely.

3 There is no, there is no, there is
 4 no benefit to the people of Asbury Park, to the
 5 workers of our state with this. We can protect the
 6 ocean. We can have an economy, but this is not the
 7 way to do it. I request that this application be
 8 denied by the administrator and vetoed by the
 9 governors. Thank you.

10 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Senator
 11 Jennifer Beck.

12 MS. BECK: Good evening. I'm
 SP92 13 Senator Jennifer Beck and I stand in opposition to
 14 the Port Ambrose project. The location of this
 15 terminal just off the coast of Long Branch poses a
 16 serious potential risk to New Jersey's beaches and
 17 tourism industry. The industrialization of the
 18 ocean has real and serious environmental
 19 implications.

20 LNG is transported in massive
 SP92-1 21 tankers which are roughly the size of the Empire
 22 State Building. And carrying this volatile,
 23 explosive, liquified natural gas at a temperature of
 24 negative 260 degrees, were there a spark, it's
 25 projected that a fireball could be created that

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1 could travel up to 20 miles. Equally concerning are
2 the potential hazards for New Jersey's fishing and
3 shipping industries when considering the terminal
4 would be located near one of our highest trafficked
5 shipping lanes.

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6 New Jersey gets no benefit from
7 this massive undertaking. No jobs, no revenue and
8 not a new energy source. I personally do not

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9 believe Liberty Natural Gas when they suggest this
10 terminal will be for imports. The United States
11 Department of Energy just reported that the US
12 imported no natural gas in 2014. Zero. There is
13 simply no need, demand or market for imported fuel.
14 The United States has more than enough to provide
15 for the nation. As a matter of fact, two LNG
16 facilities in Gloucester, Massachusetts, Northwest
17 Gateway and Neptune Deepwater Port, have been moth
18 balled, because they have received not a single
19 import in five years. Just as concerning is the
20 fact that the Dominion Cove LNG facility in Maryland
21 was recently approved as an import facility and now
22 has filed to convert to an export facility.

23 After decades of energy dependence,
24 why would the United States allow our energy future
25 to be compromised by exporting our resources to

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Finally, as discussed in Section 5.3.3.1 of the final EIS, a review of available information indicates there are no recorded incidents regarding impacts on public safety and property caused by deepwater port facilities. Appendix O (LNG Facility and Carrier Safety Records) provides a review of available safety record information on LNG land-based facilities and LNG carriers.

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Thank you for your comment requesting an additional public hearing and a further extension of the comment period. As stated in a notification published by MARAD in the Federal Register (80 FR 5883), the comment period was extended for 30 days beyond the mandated 60-day public comment period. Written public comments may be submitted in lieu of, and/or in addition to, providing oral comments at a public meeting. The USCG and MARAD find that the public has been provided with several opportunities to comment on the draft EIS and it has been determined that an additional public hearing is not necessary. Additionally, an initial scoping period was initiated on June 24, 2013 with two scoping meetings held in July 2013. Finally, stakeholders will be provided with another opportunity to comment on the Project after the publication of the final EIS.

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1 other nations. I've been consistent in my
2 opposition to this project and last year Senate
3 Resolution 120 expressing the opposition of the
4 Senate was supported unanimously. Governor Christie
5 has been consistent in his opposition vetoing this
6 project in 2011 and our residents, more than 24,000
7 of them in this region, have been consistent in
8 voicing their opposition.

9 What does Liberty Natural Gas not
10 understand? New Jersey stands steadfast in its
11 opposition to the Port Ambrose LNG terminal. Thank
12 you.

13 MR. OLSEN: Thank you, Senator.
14 That completes the elected officials that I'm aware
15 of. We're moving on to page two. Let me give you
16 several of the names coming up. Starting with, Carl
17 Anthony Cooper, then Brian Reynolds, Bill Schultz,
18 Cindy Zipf, Jerry Haimowitz, Sally Gellert.

19 So, first should be Carl Cooper.

20 MR. COOPER: Thank you. I am
21 representing myself and I thank you all for
22 extending the comment period to 90 days. I believe
23 everybody in this room appreciates that.

24 The Liberty Natural Gas application
25 will harm the New York and New Jersey public

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SP93-1 1 interests, because, number one, Port Ambrose would
 2 be a magnet for terrorists attacks and security
 3 considerations for handling, mitigating and
 4 recovering from such attacks or accidents are done
 5 monasterably inadequate.

6 Number two, Port Ambrose would have

SP93-2 7 a serious negative impact on our coastal economy by
 8 destroying jobs in commercial fishing, sports
 9 fishing, hunting and charter boats and recreational
 10 boating.

11 Number three, Port Ambrose would

SP93-3 12 displace the area now reserved for an offshore wind
 13 farm, thereby displacing a clean and renewable
 14 energy source with a dirtier, liquified natural gas
 15 which over its life cycle is 40 percent more
 16 polluting than coal.

17 In light of the time, I'm going to
 18 focus only on item number one, the security issue.
 19 Inadequate attention has been given to security
 20 considerations at the potential Port Ambrose
 21 beginning with the present lack of identification
 22 and security pending of all Liberty Natural Gas
 23 principals. It also, in light of the flammable and
 SP93-1 (con't) 24 explosive nature of the huge quantities of natural
 25 gas, either gases or liquified, that can pass

SP93-1 See response to SP5-2.

SP93-2 See response to SP19-1.

SP93-3 See response to SP26-2.

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1 through Port Ambrose, it is unfortunately true that
 2 Port Ambrose would become a prime terrorist target.
 3 This neglect of security must be corrected and I
 4 recommend starting at the top.

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5 Financial control of Liberty
 6 Natural Gas, which will exercise full authority over
 7 Port Ambrose, is now concentrated in a difficult to
 8 trace bank account located within the Cayman
 9 Islands. This LNG company is really a secretive and
 10 foreign corporation whose ownership, management
 11 personnel and finances remain hidden from public
 12 scrutiny and presumably also from governmental
 13 scrutiny. With the federal government immense
 14 investigation capabilities there is no excuse for
 15 allowing an individual to have an influence over any
 16 aspect of Port Ambrose to dodge identification and
 17 full investigation by the National Security Agency,
 18 the Department of Homeland Security and other
 19 relevant federal agencies. LNG's decision to
 20 protect its assets within a Cayman Islands bank
 21 account protected behind the Cayman Islands bank
 22 related barriers to fool US government from scrutiny
 23 makes clear this company's top priority is to
 24 protect its own and its principals' financial
 25 interests from US court-ordered disbursement in the

SP93-4 See response to SP13-1.

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1 event of any Port Ambrose disaster arising from the
2 handling of flammable and explosive natural gas.
3 Thank you.

4 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Before we
5 go on to the next speaker, there really is a lot of
6 conversation in the back of the room. I'd like to
7 remind everyone of the ground rules. The first of
8 which is respect the speaker. So, any outbursts,
9 particularly, I know some of it is friendly
10 conversation, it echoes all the way up here and it's
11 impairing the ability of those up here of the docket
12 to even hear this conversation. The purpose of this
13 meeting is to receive comments. Please, all of you,
14 if you have other conversations, please take them
15 outside for a few minutes and then come back in.
16 While you're in here, I ask everyone to respect the
17 ground rules so those at the podium have their three
18 minutes.

19 With that, Mr. Reynolds.

20 MR. REYNOLDS: Thank you. I know
21 this can't be your favorite night of the year, our
22 panelists, so thank you for your time this evening.
23 Let me start just by saying that I oppose the
24 proposal and I hope that ultimately you do as well.
25 But, the comments that I'd like to make is relative

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1 to things that the panel itself said this evening,
2 which are interesting.

3 You know, if I have this right, we
4 are here this evening talking about extending our
5 energy infrastructure by granting a private company
6 exclusive rights and access to some of our public
7 space, our waters. Now, we're doing this so that
8 the company can sell us greenhouse gas intensive
9 fuels at a time and place during the year when, by
10 their own admission, those fuels are going to be at
11 their highest price, most expensive and most
12 profitable.

13 Now, we're doing this collectively
14 at a time when our military leaders up to the joint
15 chiefs of staff are decarbonizing all of their
16 commands and when they are advising us through the
17 quadrennial reports the climate related risks of the
18 kind that the greenhouse gas intensive fuels we're
19 talking about in this facility are rich, that those
20 risks represent one of the single biggest threats to
21 our national security and one of the single biggest
22 threat multipliers of that security.

23 Now, the amazing thing is that
24 we're sitting here and we're asking a bunch of guys
25 on the Army Corps and representing the Coast Guard,

SP94-1 See response to SP66-2.

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1 two non-military branches, to approve this and,
2 gentlemen, you have told us that you don't have an
3 opinion on it? That seems to fly in the face of
4 command at this point, because that is where the
5 risks lay and you simply could not go into the board
6 room of any serious company in the Fortune 1,000 in
7 America and ask their risk managers if they thought
8 this was a smart thing and get an answer other than,
9 no, it's crazy.

10 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next up is
11 Bill Schultz.

12 MR. SCHULTZ: Good evening, Bill
SP95 13 Schultz, of Raritan Riverkeeper. I don't have a
14 prepared statement, but one of the things I'd like
15 to point out is that prior to the meeting I had a
16 conversation with some representatives from the
SP95-1 17 Coast Guard and my concern is over the necessary
18 security, excuse me, safety zone that's going to be
19 necessary around the anchoring system, the ships
20 when they're in port and the number of square miles
21 that we will be excluded from for fishing, diving,
22 and recreational pursuits. That has to be a primary
23 concern, since recreational has become such a
24 tremendous business for New Jersey.

25 Again, my concern is for the

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SP95-1 See response to SP66-2.

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1 privatization of our ocean and our fishing grounds.
2 Thank you.

3 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Cindy Zipf?
4 After Cindy Zipf, let me give you the next several
5 names, after her, there's Jerry Haimowitz, Sally
6 Gellert, Allison Cundelmo, Rosemary Carey, Tom
7 Fagan.

8 MS. ZIPF: Thank you. Good
9 evening, everybody. My name is Cindy Zipf. I'm
10 with Clean Ocean Action. Clean Ocean Action is a
11 coalition of over a hundred organizations that care
12 deeply about the Jersey Shore and we have fought for
13 decades to keep it clean. We've stopped ocean
14 dumping. We've stopped oil and gas development.
15 We've stopped industrial mining and other fossil
16 fuel facilities, including this exact fossil fuel
17 facility a number of years ago.

18 Today our ocean is wild and
19 industry free and that's how we want to keep it. It
20 is thriving. Our clean ocean economies are thriving
21 and Liberty Natural Gas threatens all of these gains
22 with their Port Ambrose project. Liberty seeks to
23 bring us a dirty, foreign, expensive fossil fuel,
24 liquified natural gas, while there is nothing
25 liberating about a foreign gas increasing climate

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1 change impact, denying citizens to access to the
2 ocean or threatening our liberty with a national
3 security threat. It is in our detailed comments we
4 will show and prove that the department, that the
5 draft environmental impact study is a farce, a pile
6 of contradictions, spinning a yarn that doesn't fool
7 anyone except maybe some Federal officials and those
8 that will profit from its scheme.

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9 But, am I surprised? No. In 30
10 years I have never read an Environmental Impact
11 Statement that hasn't said exactly what the owner,
12 the buyer, the applicant wants it to say. That's
13 their purpose. However, tucked away in the fat and
14 body of the draft EIS there are some hints of truth
15 and one has been stated by a number of our elected
16 officials and you'll hear over and over there is no
17 need for this import facility. New York City has
18 put on record that they don't need, that there's
19 domestic natural sources. They don't need LNG.
20 Long Island is opposed to this facility. So, why
21 are you proposing a project that they themselves are
22 opposed to?

23 The American government has even
24 confirmed that we do not need LNG imports. This is
25 a chart. That zero line is the imports for

SP96-2 Thank you for your comment.

SP96-3 See response to SP23-4.

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1 liquified natural gas that the federal government
2 expects to come in. It's zero, below zero, which
3 means exports. The federal government knows we do
4 not need liquified natural gas.

5 I want to make three final, very
6 short comments. One is, again, Liberty Natural Gas
7 is bringing us a foreign, is a foreign interest who
8 has no meaningful interest in the US except to steal
9 our energy future.

10 Where is Roger Whalen? Is he in
11 the room? He is the chief project organizer for
12 Liberty Natural Gas. Stand up, Roger. You were
13 supposed to listen to what we have to say about this
14 project. The fact that he is not here speaks
15 volume.

16 MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

17 MS. ZIPF: Lastly I want to thank
18 all of you for being here.

19 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Your time
20 is up. Your time is up. Would you spell your name,
21 Mr. Haimowitz?

22 MR. HAIMOWITZ: Jerry Haimowitz,
23 H-A-I-M-O-W-I-T-Z. I am a private citizen, a civil
24 engineer with over 35 years experience. I've been
25 looking through the various documents and there are

SP96-4 Thank you for your comment.

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1 some inconsistencies.
2 The applicant claims that he's
3 going to pay for a \$300 million port and a \$300
4 million ship on deliveries that will only be
5 economically viable possibly one to three months a
6 year when crisis peak. But, Shell Gas, they're
7 building pipelines every day. We are bringing more
8 gas to market every day and we have a policy of
9 energy independence.

10 We currently have an import, in
11 2010, we imported 56,000 million cubic feet of gas.
12 So, we've got this huge unused import capacity that
13 Cindy Zipf just pointed out current imports approach
14 zero. The applicant said he's going to have a \$20
15 million operating budget. How do you spend \$20
16 million on five, six, eight permanent jobs? I've
17 yet to hear a final number on that.

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18 And there's the problem of the
19 secret ownership, the Cayman Island bank account.
20 What it comes down to is this applicant is
21 deliberately obfuscated all over this application.
22 How can this application be trusted? The economics

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23 clearly show that in the long run the only way to
24 make this pay is import, I mean, export. It's to
25 export our gas and then we would end up paying the

SP-97-1 See response to SP23-4. See response to SP23-8.

SP97-2 See response to SP23-5.

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1 same six to \$12.00 a gallon, six to \$12.00 per unit
2 that they're paying in Europe compared to the three
3 to four we're paying in the United States today. It
4 hurts our energy independence. It's a drag on our
5 economy. It's a drag on our consumers. And the
6 cumulative impact of this and other export
7 facilities is going to be a drag on this country.

8 Finally, let me say that I
9 recommend that no application by the secret Cayman
10 Island bank account be approved. Thank you.

11 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Sally
12 Gellert?

13 MS. GELLERT: Hi, Sally Gellert,
SP98 14 G-E-L-L-E-R-T. I am saddened that we are back a
15 second time to discuss a project that was already
16 vetoed once by governors of both states. Even
17 Governor Christie, who is not known for his
18 environmental correctness, wrote a veto letter that
19 included some important rationales. Quote, the
SP98-1 20 proposed deepwater port and offshore pipeline lies
21 east of thriving coastal communities that are home
22 to many residents of the state, as well as precious
23 plant, fish, animal and avian species. This coastal
24 area also supports recreational and commercial
25 fishing, shellfisheries and tourism industries that

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SP98-1 See response to SP19-1.

SP98-2 1 are vital to the state. Marine waters in the
2 proposed project area function as a critical
3 migration corridor for both federally endangered
4 marine mammals and sea turtles. The proposed 44.4
5 mile long offshore pipeline and port structures will
SP98-3 6 affect almost 6,000 acres of sea floor. The
7 discharge of waste water, regasification effluents
8 and storm water would also harm our marine water and
9 species that depend on a healthy environment.

10 New Jersey has invested much time,
11 energy and resources into encouraging renewable
12 energy, a commitment that has made the state and
13 national leading. This project will stifle
SP98-4 14 investment in renewable energy technologies, which
15 would undermine progress made by New Jersey and this
16 nation to promote sustainable energy, unquote.

17 Even more than with most projects,
18 the Port Ambrose facility is in direct competition
19 with renewable energy. New York is considering a
20 wind farm on the very site proposed for this
21 project. What we choose in that direct competition
22 offers a clear statement of our values. We may vote
23 for a cleaner future with the wind farm or we may
24 vote to ignore all the many indications of climate
25 change, reverse our progress for a cleaner ocean by

SP98-2 See response to SP13-3.

SP98-3 The construction of the pipeline would impact approximately 250 acres of seafloor as discussed in Section 4.2.2.1. Given the dynamic nature of sediment movement in the Project area, construction activities would have only a temporary impact on the seafloor. Approximately 3 acres of seafloor would be permanently affected in the anchorage. Section 4.1.3 indicates that there would be no wastewater discharges from any vessels involved in construction, operation or decommissioning. Section 4.1.3 also discusses that well-maintained vessels would have minimal impacts to water quality from deck runoff or engine cooling water. Section 4.1.3 also indicates that in the unlikely event discharge of ballast water is required during commissioning, the discharge would comply with all USEPA standards.

SP98-4 See response to SP26-2.

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1 approving the extension of 19th century fossil fuel
2 technology. Exporting our resources to the profit
3 of a foreign company and six out of region
4 consultants hired for the building process is the
5 antithesis of energy security and is killing the
6 grasshopper, not the ant.

7 In addition, consider what we know
8 about the proposing of this large industrial
9 installation off our beaches as the mouth to our
10 busy harbor and what we know about the reality of
11 this project. Liberty Natural Gas, managed by
12 Canadian investors, owned by a bank account in the
13 Cayman Islands, says this facility is designed for
14 importing liquified natural gas into the US. Does
15 that seem reasonable given the current low price of
16 gas here compared to high prices overseas? I don't
17 think so. It seems much more likely that what is
18 produced will be exported and sold to the highest
19 bidder and whoever elsewhere, increasing the
20 pressure to cap new and larger resources not
21 considered, currently considered profitable.

22 The simple existence of the
23 infrastructure that will have to be created for this
24 project will call for greater development of the
25 natural gas resources. We're concerned about the

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SP98-5 See response to SP65-1.

SP98-6 See response to SP23-8.

SP98-7 See response to SP3-2.

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1 region's economy and good jobs. The wind farm is
2 sustainable technology which will produce many
3 permanent jobs. Port Ambrose, only five.

4 During the last presentation of
5 this project, only 17 comments were in support and
6 there were more than 24,000 comments opposing Port
7 Ambrose or Liberty. Please listen to those comments
8 and the coalition of 129 organizations, fishing,
9 labor, homeowner, faith based, et cetera, and reject
10 this misguided intrusion in or near the busiest --

11 MR. OLSEN: Thank you very much.

12 Thank you for your time. Thank you. Next up is

13 Allison Cundelmo. While she's coming up, next will
14 be Rosemary Carey, Tom Fagan, Rodney Platt,
15 Cassandra Ornell and Sandra Meola.

16 MS. CUNDELMO: Thank you. I'm here
17 as the co-chair of the Jersey Shore Chapter of the
18 Surf Rider Foundation, also as a marine ecologist
19 and a concerned citizen. The chapter and myself are
20 strongly opposed to the construction of the Port
21 Ambrose LNG terminal. Like many of us here, the
22 ocean is my life, my work, my recreation, my
23 relaxation. As a scientist, I've researched the
24 affects of human induced stressors, including
25 pollution and climate change on the marine

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1 environment worldwide. And it is clear that most
 2 ecosystems and species are already severely impaired
 3 due to human actions. It is time for us as a
 4 society to change our habits of being only reactive
 5 to environmental damage and disasters and instead be
 6 proactive, acting cautiously and sustainably to
 7 protect what remains.

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8 There's no doubt in my mind that
 9 the building of this facility is an environmental
 10 disaster waiting to happen. I have no doubt that
 11 there will be important habitats destroyed in the
 12 construction of this site and that billions of
 13 species will be killed or impaired from the taking
 14 of billions of gallons of sea water and the
 15 discharge of millions of gallons of polluted water.

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16 Liquid natural gas is an
 17 unsustainable polluting fossil fuel which will only
 18 contribute further to the detrimental impacts of
 19 climate change. I have no doubt that due to climate
 20 change the proposed port and vessels will be exposed
 21 to stronger and more frequent storms. These storms

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22 and other unforeseen problems will likely lead to
 23 spills, both big and small, that will threaten our
 24 coast, our ecosystems, our livelihoods and our
 25 lives.

SP99-1 Thank you for your comment.

SP99-2 See response to SP17-3.

SP99-3 See response to SP36-1.

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1 We must start making smart
2 decisions, move forward with sustainable energy
3 choices and environmentally conscientious planning.
4 If New Jersey and New York choose to ignore these
5 issues, allow this project to develop off the coast,
6 I have no doubt that in the near future as a
7 scientist I will be researching the threat of this
8 LNG port on our coastal species. As an activist, we
9 will still be fighting against this operation and as
10 a local citizen we will be mourning its damaging
11 impacts to our beloved oceans and coasts.

12 We are strongly opposed to the port
13 and urge that the EIS chooses the no action option
14 and both Governor Christie and Governor Cuomo veto
15 this project.

16 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Rosemary
17 Carey?

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18 MS. CAREY: Good evening. My name
19 is Rosemary Carey and I'm a volunteer of New Jersey
20 Organizer for 350.org, the global planet solutions
21 organization. Thank you for hearing my comments
22 tonight.

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23 I came here with other concerned
24 citizens from all over the state to underscore the
25 point that Port Ambrose Deepwater Port is

SP99-4 See response to SP89-7.

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SP100-1 See response to SP5-2.

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1 potentially hazardous, not only for people living
2 along the New Jersey coastline, but for all of us,
3 including our children and grandchildren and future
4 generations. The application should be denied.

5 Scientists are telling us in no
6 uncertain terms that the planet is warming due to
7 human activities, especially the burning of fossil
8 fuels for energy. Those same scientists have
9 advised policymakers that the way to help this
10 warming is to reduce our reliance on dirty fossil
11 fuels and make a swift, massive transition to
12 renewable energy. Yet, rather than heeding the
13 advice of science, New Jersey is being asked to
14 approve a vast, expensive and risky LNG port that
15 relies on natural gas, the main component of which
16 is methane, which is 85 times more potent a heat
17 trapping gas than carbon dioxide over a 20 year
18 period. That's precisely the window of time we need
19 to make the transition to renewable energy if we're
20 going to avert dangerous tipping points and climate
21 chaos.

22 There are scores of reasons to
23 oppose the Port Ambrose project, from security
24 concerns to environmental impacts, the affects on
25 fishing and tourism, but the most fundamental reason

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1 to reject it is because it takes our energy policy
2 in exactly the wrong direction. If we're serious
3 about keeping the world's temperature below two
4 degrees celsius, the figure that most nations have
5 agreed to is necessary to avert climate catastrophe,
6 we must deny this expensive, unnecessary and
7 counterproductive project. Every dollar we spend,
8 every minute we take, every constructive thought we
9 give to fossil fuel infrastructure is time, energy,
10 money and ingenuity wasted. We can do better than
11 Port Ambrose and we must. Thank you.

12 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next is Tom
13 Fagan.

14 MR. FAGAN: Good evening. My name
15 is Tom Fagan. As you mentioned, I'm an elected
16 officer of Communication Workers of America and
17 Local 1075. We represent some 2,000 county and
18 municipal workers up and down the Jersey Shore and
19 unlike Liberty, in the interest of full disclosure,
20 I want to also mention that I am on the board of
21 trustees of Clean Ocean Action. My union has been
22 part of that coalition for 30 years and for more
23 than 30 years I've been fighting for good jobs for
24 working people. I understand why there are the hard
25 working union members in this room tonight, but I

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SP101-1 1 respectfully disagree with Liberty's claim that Port
2 Ambrose is going to create 800 jobs for them.
3 The proposal contains no specifics
4 to support that claim. The only specifics I'm aware
5 of is Liberty's acknowledgment that 35 percent of
6 the work will go to workers from outside our area.
7 Probably nonunion contractors. The proposal states
8 that the construction staging facilities is going to
9 be in either Rhode Island or near Albany, New York.
10 Again, not even in our area. And Liberty concedes
11 that this project will only produce about five or
12 six permanent jobs.
13 The risk for the jobs just isn't
14 there. We need good, long-term jobs for area
15 workers. Port Ambrose is not going to provide that.
16 I agree with the people before me, like Jim Walsh,
17 the committeeman from Asbury Park. These workers,
18 all workers, there's a lot of work to be done
19 rebuilding the infrastructure of this country.
20 You've got roads, bridges, we can upgrade Port
21 Newark and other ports in the New York harbor.
22 These are the jobs we need to do. We don't need to
23 build this.

SP101-2 24 Port Ambrose will only prolong our
25 reliance on foreign fossil fuel and will stunt the

SP101-1 An adequate discussion of the potential impact on onshore economic conditions is provided in Section 4.8.3. Additional detail has been added to this section of the final EIS to include potential impacts at the three proposed onshore staging yards.

SP101-2 See response to SP23-7.

1 growth of good jobs building renewal energy sources
2 that will provide and maintain many more jobs and
3 gain energy independence for the United States.

4 As prior speakers said, this
SP101-3 5 project is funded from foreign investors, from
6 Cayman Island bank accounts. That's un-American.
7 And those people aren't fools. They know that
SP101-4 8 there's no money to be made importing LNG. This is
9 all about exporting our domestic gas, which is going
10 to drive up rates, it's going to affect, it's going
11 to hurt the American working families.

12 I support my fellow union members
13 in the fight for good jobs. I just don't believe
14 that this steam to enable foreign profiteering is
15 going to produce that.

16 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Rodney
17 Platt? The next speaker will be Cassandra Ornell.

18 MS. ORNELL: Good evening. Hi. My
SP102 19 name is Cassandra Ornell. I work for Clean Ocean
20 Action. We're a coalition of over a hundred groups,
21 including environmental, community, women's, faith
22 based, business and we've been working for a clean
23 ocean off the Jersey Shore for over 30 years now. I
24 want to focus my comments tonight on the project
25 need or lack thereof.

SP101-3 See response to SP65-1.

SP101-4 See response to SP15-2.

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1 Port Ambrose is not going to lower
2 gas prices in New Jersey, because the gas won't even
3 be delivered to New Jersey. It's not going to lower
4 gas prices in New York either, because they don't
5 need it. The City of New York has stated, quote,
6 New York and the northeast generally appear to
7 already have ample supplies of natural gas, end
8 quote. This is true by a long shot. The nation can
9 increase our daily imports of LNG 40 times before we
10 need more import capacity. To state this another
11 way, we have 40 times the capacity for our need.

12 And what about future needs? Well,
13 this project would serve the downstate New York
14 region, so this is Long Island, not New York City,
15 not New Jersey. Do they need more power? No.
16 Earlier this week the PSEG Long Island president
17 said, rate payers will not have to pay for a major
18 new Long Island power source until at least 2024,
19 two years later than previously projected, because
20 LIIPA has already contracted for far more electrical
21 capacity than it needs.

22 As Senator Beck mentioned, there
23 are no LNG imports this year and import facilities
24 around the country aren't even being used. This is
25 a nationwide trend that shows no signs of stopping.

SP102-1 See response to SP90-3.

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1 According to the Energy Information Administration,
2 net imports of LNG to the US are currently near zero
3 and they're projected to dip into negative numbers,
4 that is exports, by this year with the trend toward
5 increasing and then stabilizing net exports through
6 at least 2040.

7 It's hard to imagine why another
8 import facility is needed here when the ones
9 currently in operation are shutting down or
10 switching to exports as they did in Cove Point.
11 Because there is no need, this project should not
12 move forward. The no action alternative is the only
13 logical option for the agencies to select. The
14 draft EIS does contain a no action alternative,
15 which acknowledges that environmental impacts of the
16 project won't occur, which is what we want, and that
17 no additional LNG will be delivered to New York,
18 which I already explained we don't need. This no
19 action alternative is unfortunately contaminated by
20 a statement that in the absence of an offshore
21 import facility, one could alternatively be
22 constructed on land. It is appalling that the no
23 action alternative, which should only focus on no
24 actions related to LNG, has been poisoned with this
25 dangerous notion. This detracts from the true

SP102-2 Thank you for your comment.

1 meaning of a no action alternative.

2 Clean Ocean Action and our
3 coalition partners support a true no action
4 alternative, which remains true to its name by
5 solely focusing on the impact of no action. Thank
6 you.

7 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next
8 speaker contact, Sandra Meola. Following Sandra
9 Meola, before we go to the second page, will be
10 Mayor Dina Long.

11 MS. MEOLA: Hi, my name is Sandra
12 Meola, M-E-O-L-A, and I represent the New York, New
13 Jersey Baykeeper and we oppose LNG. It would be an
14 irresponsible mistake to allow an LNG facility to be
15 built in our waterways. If approved, water
16 pollution throughout the construction process and
17 operation of Port Ambrose would impact our harbor
18 estuary. This project would threaten our water
19 quality, hundreds of aquatic animal and plant
20 species, as well as the clamming, boating and
21 fishing industry. The consequences of pollution
22 will devastate our already impaired waterways our
23 communities utilize for economic activities in our
24 already delicate natural ecosystem. Reject this and
25 let's avoid an environmental catastrophe. Thank

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SP103-1 See response to SP3-4.

1 you.

2 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Mayor Dina
3 Long?

4 MS. LONG: Good evening and thank
5 you. My name is Dina Long. I'm the mayor of Sea
6 Bright Borough, which has the distinction of being
7 the northernmost shore town in New Jersey. I'm here
8 today to express my significant concerns about the
9 Port Ambrose Deepwater Port application.

10 I understand the desire for a
11 potential reduction in the overall annual price of
12 natural gas. I understand the advantages of price
13 stability on cold, peak winter days like today. I
14 also understand a desire to increase delivery
15 capacity to the downstate New York market. I also
16 read the draft EIS for this project, which
17 acknowledges effects to marine life, water quality
18 and other adverse impacts on the environment. The
19 EIS also suggests that such impacts can be
20 mitigated.

21 But, experience shows us that such
22 damage cannot be undone. You would not be able to
23 restore three acres of marine habitat. You would
24 not be able to restore endangered species. You
25 would not be able to restore migration patterns.

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SP104-1 The USCG is currently engaged in informal consultation with NOAA Fisheries and USFWS regarding the potential impacts, monitoring plans, and subsequent mitigation of the proposed action on federally listed threatened and endangered species. Any consultation would be initiated before the Record of Decision (ROD) on the proposed Project and within the time allowed in 33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq. for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to notify the Secretary that the proposed Project would not conform with all applicable provisions of the CAA, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of the MPRSA and 33 U.S.C. 1501 et seq. All consultation correspondence to date is located in Appendix B of this final EIS.

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1 So, I ask you to please consider, is the tradeoff
2 worth it.

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3 In your deliberations, I would also
4 urge you to consider consistency with the findings
5 of the scientific and academic communities, as well
6 as the policies of President Obama's administration
7 with regard to clean energy, protecting the
8 environment and adapting to climate change.
9 Allowing more pipelines to import natural gas does
10 not advance us towards those goals. The last time I
11 checked, natural gas might be natural, but it isn't
12 renewable. Sure, it will make energy cheaper and
13 easier in the short-term, but we also must consider
14 the long-term cost.

15 I can tell you the cost of
16 rebuilding the Jersey Shore after Super Storm Sandy
17 is in the hundreds of billions. Thanks to Sandy
18 Storm surge, I lost my home and I saw my town all
19 but wash away in a matter of hours. By studying
20 Sandy's impacts, scientists tell us that the storm
21 was strengthened by warmed sea surface waters off
22 the east coast and this keeps happening. Over the
23 last ten years up and down the coast the notion of a
24 one and 100 year storm has all been erased. Our
25 communities are working hard to mitigate future

SP104-2 Thank you for your comment.

1 risk, to rebuild in such a way that we reduce
2 coastal storm damage. Please support us in that
3 mission. Please consider the long-term impacts of
4 what is, at best, a short to mid-term project.

5 Given our recent experience with
6 Super Storm Sandy please understand how critically
7 important it is to us at the Jersey Shore everything
8 that happens in that ocean, is another pipeline
9 really justified.

10 MR. OLSEN: Thank you very much.

11 MS. LONG: Thank you.

12 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. We're now
13 going on to page three. Let me read several names
14 here. The first one is Jim Lovgren. After that is
15 Jean-Marie Donohue, Richard Fuller, Catie Tobin,
16 Robert Bennekamper, Norris McDonald, Trisha Sheehan,
17 Anthony Gonsiewski, Mike Curry, Joseph Kuca, Bruce
18 Smith and Mai Cleary.

19 First should be Jim Lovgren.

20 MR. LOVGREN: Thank you for having
21 the hearing and also thank you for the 30 day public
22 comment extension. I'm Jim Lovgren. I represent
23 the Fisherman Stock Cooperative in Point Pleasant.
24 We presently have 12 member boats. We pack out
25 anywhere from 50 to a hundred during the course of a

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1 year and do over \$10 million a year in seafood
2 landings every year. Belford Sea Food Cooperative
3 is based in Middletown and they're in similar vein
4 of, basically, we're employing hundreds of people.

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5 Dirty natural gas, whether you move
6 it eight miles east of where it was on the Colorado
7 banks a few years ago, it is still in fishing
8 grounds. It's still in our summer flounder ground.
9 It's still in our Wildwood squid ground. It's still
10 in our monk fish grounds. Okay. You can have your
11 National Fisherman Service statistician take a
12 hundred square mile grid and say, this is how many
13 fish were there, okay, and the economic impact
14 analysis is a sham, like most National Fishery
15 Service data.

16 What we're looking at is,
17 basically, no jobs, okay, but risking hundreds of
18 jobs and that's mine. I'm third generation
19 fisherman. When my grandfather came here and seven
20 brothers from Sweden back in the thirties, they
21 couldn't buy the ocean. Okay. They would have
22 gladly bought the ocean and went fishing in it all
23 for themselves, but we're giving energy interest and
24 the ability to, basically, own the ocean. This is a
25 pipeline. This is not a factory. That's what

SP105-1 See response to comment FA6-8 for a discussion of potential impacts due to the implementation of navigational safety measures that would limit certain uses within the Safety Zone, no anchoring area, and areas to be avoided.

SP105-2

1 people are not understanding. You know it. This is
 2 a pipeline. Gas can go in it or gas can go out of
 3 it. Very simply. Whether it goes out of it is
 4 simply a matter of a couple of names on a couple of
 5 pieces of paper after they redo this day-to-day to
 6 just give you to import. Simple. Very simple.
 7 It's a sham. Liberty is a sham. If you don't agree
 8 with that, I don't know, your heads are somewhere
 9 they shouldn't be.

SP105-2 See response to SP15-2.

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10 Let's talk, you mentioned national
 11 security and around two years ago if I asked what
 12 the blast zone would be if one of these 1,200 foot
 13 long factories were to blow up, five miles. 50
 14 times the power of a Hiroshima nuclear bomb. That's
 15 a national security zone. They're in danger. The
 16 other danger is why, because no doubt about it, this
 17 is to export natural gas out for sale deposits and
 18 if you approve this there will be a half a dozen
 19 more companies lining up, including Exxon Mobil, to
 20 export more of our natural gas. We have had 40
 21 years of being jerked around by OPEC, because we
 22 needed to import oil and now we're going to export
 23 it. National security long-term is keep our gas
 24 here for American citizens to use. That's what we
 25 need to do.

SP105-3 See response to SP5-2.

1 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Jean-Marie
2 Donohue?

3 MS. DONOHUE: Hello. My name is
4 Jean-Marie Donohue. I work with the organization
5 Water Spirit. We are the faith based organization,
6 a spirituality and ecology program that educates and
7 advocates on water issues and the care of creation.
8 We are sponsored by the Sisters of Saint Joseph of
9 Peace, a catholic women's religious order. We are
10 here to voice our opposition to Port Ambrose.

11 We are opposed to Port Ambrose for
12 many reasons that include, but are not limited to,
13 the large amounts of sea water that are used and
14 polluted. The pollution of the ocean from the
15 discharge of the toxic chemicals mixed with the sea
16 water and discharged into the ocean which children
17 and families swim in. The threat to marine life,
18 the threat to jobs in New Jersey and New York from
19 the pollution of the ocean. The extreme threat to
20 the safety to all life in the area from an LNG
21 explosion, which is not a farfetched idea, because
22 accidents happen every day in the United States with
23 fossil fuels and fossil fuel infrastructure. And
24 the threat to the safety of this facility in storms,
25 which compounds the threat to the safety of the

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SP106-1 See response to SP23-3.

SP106-2 See response to SP19-1.

SP106-3 See response to SP23-1.

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1 surrounding communities of life in the area.
 2 Specifically, though, we're here to
 3 speak in opposition to Port Ambrose on the
 4 environmental impact that this facility will have on
 5 the climate change crisis and the global freshwater
 6 crisis. This proposed Port Ambrose facility is
 7 directly interconnected to many other presently
 8 destructive fossil fuel infrastructures that exist,
 9 are being built or are being proposed. This
 10 proposed Port Ambrose would only increase the amount
 11 of destruction to the environment and ecosystem that
 12 support all of our lives, from the mining of natural
 13 gas to the building of pipelines and compressor
 14 stations to the transport of natural gas to the
 15 liquifying of a natural gas process.
 16 Port Ambrose is a means to increase
 17 the production of a destructive fossil fuel at a
 18 time when we should be building a renewable energy
 19 infrastructure that is less damaging to the
 20 environment and less life threatening. And really
 21 importantly to all the people in here and all the
 22 families in New Jersey that need jobs, a renewable
 23 energy infrastructure is proven that it will create
 24 and sustain more jobs than a fossil fuel
 25 infrastructure.

SP106-4 See response to SP23-7.

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1 As a government organization,
2 employees of a government organization, we ask you
3 to be aware that the US Department of Defense says
4 that climate change and the global freshwater crisis
5 are substantial --

6 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Thank you.
7 Thank you. Your time is up. Thank you. Your time
8 is up, ma'am. Your time is up. Thank you very
9 much. Your time is up. Thank you.

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10 MR. FULLER: From Hazlet, New
11 Jersey I'm Richard Fuller and that's F-U-L-L-E-R.
12 The time for America to wean itself away from
13 polluting fossil fuels to safe and sustainable
14 energy sources is long overdue. This Port Ambrose
15 LNG proposal ranks with other ecologically
16 detrimental energy industries, such as
17 hydrofracking, the XL pipeline coal extraction and
18 nuclear power, because they all promote the
19 continued use of extremely toxic substances
20 negatively polluting the air, the land, the
21 waterways and the oceans. The LNG proposal is
22 essentially a floating time bomb.

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23 Consider just two possibilities.
24 First, as a devastating, as devastating as Hurricane
25 Sandy was to the Jersey Shore, it was a category one

SP107-1 See response to SP23-7.

SP107-2 See response to SP5-2.

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(con't)

1 hurricane. Imagine what a category two, three, four
2 or five category would be. No one can accurately
3 predict the damage and devastation that might occur
4 in such extreme weather.

5 Secondly, the huge tankers would be
6 sitting duck targets. Attacks will be always
7 possible from drones, underwater demolition teams,
8 offshore land launched armaments, aircraft and
9 radically motivated suicide attackers. This
10 proposal, if approved, would affect our delicate
11 planet negatively, because planet earth is already a
12 ticking time bomb due to the many unwise past
13 decisions regarding energy.

14 Tipping points inevitably lead to
15 disaster far and wide across the planet. Examples
16 of tipping points include, the melting of the
17 glaciers in Asia and the Arctic, melting of the ice
18 sheets in Antarctica from above and below. Such
19 meltings will not only promote sea level rise, but
20 over the ocean floor to the release of methane gas,
21 which experts have stated is more dangerous than CO2
22 gas. When a tipping point tips it sends the planet
23 into chaos theory, whereby there is no mathematical
24 model for scientists to accurately predict the
25 outcome.

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SP107-2 (con't)

SP107-3 See response to SP46-3.

SP107-4 1 This LNG proposal promotes the
2 burning of greenhouse gas which already has
3 contributed to global warming and climate change.
4 By definition, once a given aspect of nature tips,
5 there is no going back.
6 In conclusion, I urge that the
7 following citizens action be taken. One, call for a
8 new Manhattan project for safe, alternative energy
9 sources, winds, solar, geothermal, wave. Two,
10 continue to write, phone, or e-mail legislators
11 expressing concerns in opposition to LNG. Three,
12 take a stand, raise your voice against not only this
13 LNG proposal, but against all polluters who --
14 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Your time
15 is up, sir. Your time is up. Thank you very much.
16 Thank you. Thank you. Your time is up. Thank you.
17 Before we go on to the next
18 speaker, I'd like to again remind you to respect the
19 speaker. One of the ways you can respect the
20 speaker is the applause actually causes the speaker
21 to pause several times, thereby losing their time.
22 If you want to hear the speakers, please be
23 respectful of their time and also be respectful,
24 again, we're again having some conversation in the
25 back of the room. We really want to give everyone

SP107-4 See response to SP49-1.

1 their time. Please respect the speakers.

2 The next speaker, Catie Tobin.

3 MS. TOBIN: Hello. My name is

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4 Catie Tobin, and that's T-O-B-I-N and I'm with Clean
5 Ocean Action, a coalition of over 100 groups
6 including ocean, community, women's, faith based and
7 business. For the past 30 years COA has
8 successfully stopped ocean dumping, oil and gas
9 development, industrial strip mining and other
10 fossil fuel facilities. Today, the ocean is wild
11 and free from these harmful industries and the
12 region has thrived on a clean ocean economy.
13 Hundreds of thousands of citizens work at the shore
14 and millions more come to enjoy the cleaner healthy
15 waters.

16 Liberty Natural Gas threatens all
17 these gains and our future with their Port Ambrose
18 project. It is not healthy for the marine
19 ecosystem, the climate or in the public interest.

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20 They also misrepresent the fact about what their
21 dirty fossil fuel facility will bring to the region.

22 Liberty purports that hundreds of
23 jobs will be brought into the region as a result of
24 Port Ambrose. Further investigation into the
25 application highlights a different story. When they

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SP108-1 See response to SP42-1.

SP108-2 See response to SP101-1.

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1 say jobs, they actually mean contracts. It is not
2 specifically stated whether multiple contracts
3 cannot be awarded to one person. This could mean
4 that one person would be awarded multiple contracts
5 over the course of two years, which results in fewer
6 people actually employed from the project than
7 Liberty claims. Of the temporary contract jobs
8 created, Liberty says that 35 percent of these jobs,
9 over one-third, will not be local hires and once
10 construction is complete only five, yes, just five,
11 permanent jobs will remain.

12 Even if you ignore the facts about
13 the number of jobs and consider the hundreds of
14 local jobs proposed during the construction phase,
15 you would uncover that local doesn't necessarily
16 mean local. The primary construction staging
17 facility is going to be located in Rhode Island or
18 ten miles south of Albany. Neither of these
19 locations can be considered local in the Long
20 Island, Jersey Shore region by any stretch of the
21 imagination.

22 Jobs aside, Liberty's Fort Ambrose
23 project is just another example of the energy sector
24 of the United States moving in the wrong direction.
25 Natural gas is a fossil fuel and produces an excess

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1 of carbon emissions that ultimately lead to climate
2 change. It is imperative for the nation to make a
3 clear shift towards investing and relying on
4 renewable energy sources for both environmental and
5 economic reasons. The creation of Port Ambrose will
6 hamper movement towards renewable energy and
7 conservation. You are choosing a project that will
8 bring only five permanent jobs to the region instead
9 of hundreds.

10 So, the question is, who will
11 benefit from the construction of Port Ambrose. Not
12 we the people. Not the marine environment. The
13 benefits will go to those lurking behind the secret
14 bank account in the Cayman Islands. For this reason
15 and many others provided in testimony tonight, I
16 support a true no action alternative. This project
17 must not move forward. Thank you.

18 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next is
19 Robert Bennekamper. As he's coming up, let me do a
20 few more names. After that is Norris McDonald,
21 Trisha Sheehan, Anthony Gonsiewski, Mike Curry,
22 Joseph Kuca, Bruce Smith and Mai Cleary.

23 MR. BENNEKAMPER: My name is Robert
24 Bennekamper, B-E-N-N-E-K-A-M-P-E-R. Proud to be a
25 member of Clean Ocean Action, but I'm speaking for

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1 myself tonight. And I'd like to address my remarks
2 primarily to the Coast Guard.

3 The Coast Guard's mission statement
4 is to protect the public, the environment and US
5 economic interests. Protecting the public, the
6 potential for terrorism due to the proximity to the
7 deadliest attack on American soils since Pearl
8 Harbor is huge. I am sure you are aware of the
9 current construction of huge multi-billion dollar
10 ships that will have the capability to liquify
11 natural gas. These will, of course, provide the
12 means to change any import facility to export, but
13 greatly increase the potential for terrorism. Port
14 Ambrose, by the way, is a curious choice of a name
15 seeing that it was a tanker that in 2007 hit and
16 destroyed the Coast Guard's Ambrose light.

17 The environment, the threats are
18 well documented. You have heard or will hear of
19 them repeatedly. So, I will not repeat what others
20 have already said. But, I support them completely.
21 What we need to repeat one more time is that LNG,
22 due to the cycle and transportation, is almost as
23 dirty as coal.

24 US economic interests, let's start
25 with those words, US. Let's see. We are talking

SP109-1 See response to SP5-2. See response to SP15-2.

SP109-2 See response to SP71-1.

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1 about a company apparently headquartered in the
2 Cayman Islands, bringing foreign LNG to the US.
3 Where is the US economic interest? Truth is, either
4 import or export of US gas is not an economic gain
5 for the United States. US manufacturing is relevant
6 again due to the cheap energy supplying good US
7 jobs, consumers having more money to spend due to
8 lower energy costs, I'm sorry, and the consumers
9 having more to spend due to lower energy costs.
10 Energy independence is our key to the future and
11 clean energy and the jobs it will provide should be
12 the priority.

13 I ask the Coast Guard to stay on
14 mission and reject this project.

15 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Norris
16 McDonald?

17 MR. McDONALD: Good evening. My
18 name is Norris McDonald and I represent the Center
19 For Environment Commerce and Energy and our outreach
20 arm, the African American Environmentalists
21 Association, that's M-C-D-O-N-A-L-D.

22 First of all, before I begin, it's
23 kind of a shame that the union members do not get a
24 chance to sign up earlier so that they can make more
25 statements. Are the union ranking filed in the

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1 house? Glad to hear it and at this hearing I'm
2 going to address some environmental issues in the
3 DEIS.

4 Overall, the Liberty Port Ambrose
5 project will be environmentally benign and will have
6 virtually no impact to mitigate during construction,
7 operation and maintenance and closure. Geology and
8 soils, the disturbance of the localized sediment
9 will be minimal due to the installation of submerged
10 buoy system, that's the SBS, and shuttle and
11 regasification vessels, SRVs, yoke mooring system
12 and submarine pipeline. The SBS, SRV system is a
13 brilliant innovation in the LNG field. The SBS, SRV
14 will have a small footprint and will have virtually
15 no impact on the sea floor.

16 What resources? No mitigation is
17 necessary for water flows, because the project will
18 not have a significant impact on currents and wave
19 conditions. Aquatic resources, the Liberty Ambrose
20 project will not have a negative impact on the
21 aquatic resources. The laying of the pipeline will
22 only have a temporary affect on very few organisms
23 and there will be no affect on the natural ocean
24 bottom as the natural ocean bottom restores itself.

25 Vegetation and wildlife, virtually

SP110-1 Thank you for your comment.

1 no mitigation will be needed for the temporary
2 disturbance benthos, invertebrates (sic.) and shellfish
3 due to the laying the pipeline off vessels or other
4 structures. We assumed the applicant will consider
5 providing additional mitigation measures.

SP110-2 6 Threatened and endangered species,
7 the project does not pose a threat to raptors or
8 waterfowl.

SP110-2 9 Land use, proposed on shore
10 fabrication facilities associated with proposed
11 project are minimal and limited to construction
12 related activities.

SP110-4 13 Recreation, the Atlantic Ocean
14 provides economic and recreational benefits to
15 millions of people in New Jersey and New York.

SP110-5 16 Visual resources, the SBS, SRVs
17 will not be visible from the shore, because it will
18 be anchored in waters of the north Atlantic.

SP110-6 19 Socioeconomic and environmental
20 justice, assuming the final Environmental Impact
21 Statement will state that there are no environmental
22 justice issues, it should state that there are no
23 environmental injustice issues.

24 I've got aeronautical, there are no
25 aeronautical impacts. We have a full written

SP110-2 Thank you for your comment.

SP110-2 Thank you for your comment.

SP110-4 Thank you for your comment.

SP110-5 Thank you for your comment.

SP110-6 Thank you for your comment.

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1 statement that we're submitting for the record. As
2 far as alternatives, we looked at the floating
3 storage, the regasification unit. This is a much
4 better situation.

5 We support the project. We hope
6 that you will approve the project and that the
7 maritime administration will approve this project
8 and the governors will approve the project. Thank
9 you very much.

10 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next is
11 Trisha Sheehan.

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12 MS. SHEEHAN: Good evening,
13 everyone. My name is Trisha Sheehan. I'm a
14 representative of Mom's Clean Air Force and the
15 northeast regional field manager. We are a public
16 health organization with 400,000 members nationwide
17 fighting to protect our children from toxic air
18 pollution. But, tonight I come to you not only as a
19 representative of Mom's Clean Air Force, but I also
20 come to you as a mother. A mother of two young boys
21 who often talk about the highlight of their years is
22 their time that they spend at the Jersey Shore.

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23 The construction of Port Ambrose
24 goes against all of our hopes and dreams for a clean
25 renewable future for our children and future

SP110-7 Thank you for your comment.

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SP111-1 See response to SP26-2.

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1 generations. We need to cut our reliance on fossil
2 fuels to counter our warming planet and reduce the
3 risk of our area being impacted by more intense and
4 dangerous storms. Adding a Port Ambrose LNG
5 facility and strengthening our reliance on dirty
6 fossil fuels not only increases the likelihood of
7 our area seeing more extreme weather events like
8 Hurricane Sandy, but it also puts our children and
9 the elderly and the vulnerable populations at an
10 increased risk to exposure to the air pollution that
11 will be generated during the construction and
12 operation of this port.

13 The communities that will be
14 affected are full of children and schools and they
15 should not be subjected to diesel fumes and
16 machinery exhausts at scales larger than some coal
17 plants. Mom's Clean Air Force supports safe beaches
18 for sand castles, clean water to swim in and fresh
19 air to breathe. Natural gas is dangerous. As we
20 saw with the recent release of the New York
21 Department of Health fracking study, we cannot
22 safely extract gas without serious health
23 implications, whether it is on land or offshore.

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24 Mom's Clean Air Force opposes the
25 construction of Port Ambrose and we are hopeful that

SP111-2 See response to SP5-2.

SP111-3 Thank you for your comment.

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1 our children will have a sustainable future that is
2 powered from the wind and the sun and not reliant on
3 the fossil fuel industry. Thank you.

4 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Anthony
5 Gonsiewski?

6 MR. GONIEWSKI: My name is Anthony
7 Gonsiewski, G-O-N-S-I-E-W-S-K-I. I'm an operating
8 engineer of Local 25 marine division. I want to
9 take my hats off to you people right here getting
10 used and abused, but I'm not here to abuse you guys.
11 I'm all for, one hundred percent behind you people
12 at the LNG.

13 We all talk about Super Storm
14 Sandy. We talk about 30 years ago with the mud
15 dump. I've got 38 years in the business. Like I
16 said, I'm the third generation. Clean Ocean Act
17 tried to put a stop to it 30 years ago. Yes, they
18 did put a stop to us, but in 1988 we started a KVK
19 job, which is now and still going on. I know I'm
20 off the subject a little bit, but so did everybody
21 else. The job is still going on. We created jobs.
22 You got unions in here, dock builders, carpenters,
23 operating engineers. Everybody is still working
24 today, longshoremen. We created thousands of jobs.
25 Thousands. We might not get thousands of jobs here,

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SP112-1 1 but I am supporting the LNG plan and I'm union one
 2 hundred percent. Thank you.
 3 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Mike Curry?
 4 MR. CURRY: Hello, Mike Curry,
 SP113 5 business agent Local 25. That's C-U-R-R-Y. And
 6 first and foremost, I'd like to say that we were up
 7 in New York last night with a couple of, everybody
 8 on the dais here and this New Jersey crowd is a much
 9 better looking crowd than that in New York, I
 10 guaranty you that. And, agsin, let me commend the
 11 moderator on another excellent job tonight.
 12 But, seriously, I've been in this
 13 business a long time and what I do for a living is I
 14 put people to work and it's jobs like this that put
 SP113-1 15 people to work. This is a privately funded
 16 initiative that will cost the taxpayers no money
 17 whatsoever and put many men, many men in this room
 18 to work probably. As I said last night, it's my job
 19 to sit here and listen to sob stories. I get guys
 20 calling up that are losing their houses, that can't
 21 buy Christmas presents for their kids, that are
 22 losing their vehicles, that are just desperate for
 23 work. They don't want hand outs from the
 24 government. They want a job. If it only created
 25 one job, to me it would be worth it. It's the

SP112-1 Thank you for your comment.

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SP113-1 See response to SP55-1.

SP113-2 1 minimal affects on the environment which have been
 2 spoken to about here just a little while ago,
 3 they're negligible. The impact on the environment
 4 is negligible. Nobody will see, nobody will even
 5 know this project is going on, the offshore
 6 facility. They're tying into a pipeline that's
 7 already existing. There's almost no negligible,
 8 there's negligible bad affects from this project and
 9 what we could gain from it is cheaper energy and
 10 jobs. And I don't see the real downside to it.

SP113-3 11 Natural gas is something that more
 12 than half the households in America heat, use to
 13 heat their homes with. If you listen to people in
 14 here tonight, you would think they were talking
 15 about plutonium or something that probably more than
 16 half the people in this room heat their homes with
 17 natural gas. It goes underground all across the
 18 country. It's there already. We're just going to,
 19 this project will just augment the supplier and
 20 hopefully bring down the prices, put some people to
 21 work with no cost to the taxpayers.

22 I think the gloom and doom
 23 scenarios that are being presented tonight are kind
 24 of outlandish and I just think that this project
 25 should move forward and reality and commonsense

SP113-2 See response to SP55-2.

SP113-3 See response to SP55-3.

1 should take precedent. Thank you.

2 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Joseph
3 Kuca. Joseph Kuca? After Joseph Kuca should be
4 Bruce Smith.

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5 MR. SMITH: Hi, my name is Bruce
6 Smith, S-M-I-T-H. Can you hear me? I represent the
7 Jersey Coast Angler's Association. That's an
8 association of 70 recreational fishermen, mostly
9 saltwater, and we've been on board with this
10 objection to the LNG project and the previous
11 projects since the beginning. And myself and
12 several other members, Jim Lovgren, John Weber, Jim
13 Lee recognized early that the prize in this LNG
14 thing was not importing gas, but exporting gas. If
15 you were in the stock market and you bought high and
16 sold low, you'd be out of business in a hurry.

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SP114-1 See response to SP15-2.

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17 Now, the proposal here tonight is
18 to import gas from overseas that you buy at high
19 costs and sell it into a market that's low. That
20 doesn't make any sense. So, obviously the only way
21 to make money in LNG is to buy cheap, domestic LNG
22 gas, liquify it and send it overseas. There are
23 markets all over the world that are much higher than
24 our market. So, it's just, it defies logic to think
25 that somebody's going to build a billion dollar

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1 terminal to import LNG.

2 I agree with all the other people
3 who were in opposition to this project. It's just
4 that when you come late to the dance, all your good
5 words are gone. But, take it, take it seriously.
6 It doesn't make any sense to buy high and sell low.
7 This is not an import situation. It's strictly an
8 export situation. Thank you.

9 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Mai Cleary?
10 Mai Cleary? We're going to move on to page four.
11 Page four begins with Alexandra Smith. After that,
12 Tim Dillingham, Christian Hartman, Tom Mahedy,
13 Marilyn Miller, Scott Winter, Kari Martin, Jeff
14 Tittel, Fabia Rodriguez, Jane Asselta and George
15 Molfet.

16 First should be Alexandra Smith.

17 MS. SMITH: Good evening. I'm
18 Alexandra Smith, S-M-I-T-H. I'm opposed to the
19 Liberty Natural Gas proposal and LNG facilities in
20 general. Several aspects of this project are
21 particularly troubling to me as a lifetime resident
22 of the area.

23 First, the true ownership of
24 Liberty Natural Gas is cloaked in secrecy. Why is
25 that?

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SP115-1 See response to SP23-5.

SP115-2 1 Second, we are blessed with enough
2 natural gas supply projected through 2040. We don't
3 need imports. Thank you. LNG can be brought into
4 the exact same pipeline that's already existing
5 through existing ports. We don't need a billion
6 dollar deepwater port off Sandy Hook. It's a trojan
7 horse to set up an infrastructure for export.
8 That's clear. That's the only logical conclusion.

SP115-2 See response to SP23-4.

SP115-3 9 But, most compellingly, my children
10 live here. We all live here. We don't want to be
11 put at risk for the explosive capacity of 55
12 Hiroshima bombs. Why would we allow such an
13 enticing target for terrorism so that an unnamed
14 entity can profiteer from degradation of our
15 environment while putting us at such extreme risk?
16 It's a preposterous proposal and I oppose it. Thank
17 you.

SP115-3 See response to SP5-2.

18 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Tim
19 Dillingham?

SP116 20 MR. DILLINGHAM: I'm Tim
21 Dillingham, D-I-L-L-I-N-G-H-A-M. I'm with the
22 American Literal Society. We're a coastal
23 conservation organization based in Sandy Hook. We
24 have worked for over 30 years with many of the
25 people in this room to help clean up our ocean and

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1 protect it to not see it industrialized. So, we're
2 here tonight in opposition to this proposal and I'd
3 like to thank all the commenters earlier that were
4 in opposition and I join them in their comments.

5 At the end of this process, you're
6 going to have to make that choice and New Jersey has
7 clearly made this choice already. What we want from
8 our ocean is a clean, healthy ocean that we can fish
9 from and that we can swim in and we can live beside
10 not in fear, not in fear of accidents, not in fear
11 of pollution.

12 But, the public interest is what
13 you're going to have to evaluate this against and
14 we're to look at the EIS and we appreciate the
15 extension of time. It was one of the more
16 unwelcomed Christmas presents we got. We got 80
17 pounds of paper to look at this thing, but you need
18 to look at who benefits and who doesn't and who pays
19 and I think all the discussion about the lack of a
20 real need for this in the public side shows that the
21 public is not the person who's going to benefit.
22 The equities who run to this private group to the
23 benefit, I'm sorry, to the detriment of the public.

24 On the environmental impacts, you
25 need to look at the catastrophic failures. That's

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SP116-1 See response to SP23-4.

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1 what needs to be the measurement here. If you want
2 to characterize it as doom and gloom, I would just
3 say to you, think Deepwater Horizon. Accidents
4 happen. They have long-term consequences for the
5 ocean, for the bays, for the people who depend upon
6 them. If you don't measure the long-term and
7 chronic impacts of this proposal, whether it's as a
8 consequence of an accident or because of its
9 contribution to climate change and all the impacts
10 of that, then you're not assessing the public's
11 interest appropriately. We're concerned about the
12 permanent loss of open space, the permanent loss of
13 the ability of men like Jimmy Lovgren and Bruce
14 Smith to fish these areas to make their livings from
15 it.

SP116-2 See response to SP5-2.

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16 And, lastly, the idea that this
17 cannot be converted to an export facility shouldn't
18 be downplayed. The Cove Point example shows you
19 it's real, you need to measure that. In the end,
20 for New Jersey, this is all risk, no benefit. If
21 you make a decision in the public's interest, it has
22 to be no LNG. Thank you.

SP116-3 See response to SP15-1.

23 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Christian
24 Hartman?

25 MR. HARTMAN: Good evening,

SP117 1 everybody. My name is Chris Hartman, H-A-R-T-M-A-N,
2 and I represent the New Jersey Alliance For Action.
3 We are a nonprofit, nonpartisan, statewide coalition
4 of over 3,000 business, labor, professional,
5 academic and government leaders. We advocate
6 investments in infrastructure for New Jersey's
7 economy, our environment and overall quality of
8 life. We and our 3,000 members are in support of
9 the Port Ambrose project.

10 A little perspective on the
11 alliance. For the past 40 years, we've worked with
12 closely with each governor, each cabinet,
13 legislator, local governments to create funding for
14 rail projects, bridge projects, water, school
15 construction, aviation enhancements, land
16 preservation, shore preservation. So, we're all
17 about the infrastructure in New Jersey.

18 For the past couple months, we've
19 been following the developments of the project
20 through the Deepwater Port Act licensing process and
21 we've hosted a bunch of presentations to our 3,000
22 members. We support it after careful consideration
SP117-1 23 because of the economic benefits that it will have
24 in the region, including, but not limited to, the
25 over 800 construction related jobs, the spending of

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1 over \$90 million on goods and services in the local
2 economies and overall annual operating budget of 20
3 million permanent and contract service jobs, as well
4 as tax revenue.

5 More importantly is the project's
6 ability to produce intensive priced natural gas into
7 our system at periods of peak demand, which drives
8 down, stabilizes costs and directly affects
9 consumer's in both natural gas and electricity.
10 Costs skyrocketed this past winter during the deep
11 cold and that was partly due to the supply issues.

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12 New Jersey Alliance For Action's
13 position is that Port Ambrose is a safe
14 infrastructure project that lowers environmental
15 impact and voids public hazards due to its location
16 many miles off shore, the links to existing lines,
17 not building new pipelines and the downsizing of the
18 major fishing and commercial lanes. The importance
19 of approving a project like Port Ambrose has never
20 been more evident after this year's excessively cold
21 and prolonged winter season and that's not going to
22 stop.

23 As a side note, the Alliance For
24 Action also supports green initiatives and
25 infrastructure projects as well, but it took a long

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1 time for that infrastructure out there to get built.
2 Green infrastructure is going to take a long time to
3 get built as well, so we have to even it out. So,
4 in the meantime, we need to keep costs down and we
5 can't have people freezing. So, we support the
6 project.

SP118 7 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Tom Mahedy?

8 MR. MAHEDY: Good evening to all.
9 It's a pleasure to be here. I'm representing Across
10 Christian New Jersey, this is a catholic group that
11 works on issues of social justice, environment, et
12 cetera and I also wanted to say hello to all of the
13 folks who are here from labor, because we're also in
14 favor of worker, of workers rights as well.

15 We're also very concerned and we're
16 clearly opposed to this project for a number of
SP118-1 17 reasons. We're also concerned about workers who are
18 working in the area of fracking. They're the ones
19 who are on the front lines and if you go out to
20 Pennsylvania and interview, there's a lot of workers
21 who are getting very sick and are dying from this.
22 So, we have to look at a broader range as far as
23 environmental impact. You have to look at the start
24 of the product to the very end.

25 We're also very concerned about

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1 what's happening with the poisoning of our air,
2 water and land and also what's happening across New
3 Jersey where other pipelines are being pushed
4 through, including down in the Pinelands. And we're
5 also concerned because the Christie administration
6 has been very much in favor of Keystone, as well as
7 the pipeline through the Pinelands.

8 So, we know that we have to
9 continue to work, hopefully with labor as well,
10 because I think it's time for labor and environment
11 to come together. We have to have turtles and
12 teamsters work together, like what happened in
13 Seattle. We have to come together, because we have
14 a lot more in common than we don't.

15 And I don't like how this is set
16 up, like a divide and conquer. It's either jobs or
17 no jobs. That's wrong, because there's some really
18 great people here from labor today.

19 I also wanted to mention that
20 despite a huge amount of opposition, there is just
21 one approval down at, in Maryland by Dominion Cove
22 Point LNG for exporting LNG. So, all of the folks
23 that are here today, this is not the end of it.
24 You've got to stay involved. So, after this is
25 over, go back to the room where Clean Ocean Action

1 is and labor as well, because we have to work
 2 together to stop this, because it affects not only
 3 the workers, but it affects everybody. Thank you.
 4 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next is
 5 Marilyn Miller.
 6 MS. MILLER: Thank you. You
 7 already said what my name is and I live in Toms
 8 River where Sandy did a lot of destruction. Because
 9 I choose not to have a TV, most of my news is
 10 obtained from the radio. And when I heard about
 11 Sandy, I thought, oh, that's ridiculous. It's just
 12 a lot of hype. Well, it didn't become a lot of
 13 hype. It became a reality.
 14 And back at 9/11 with the Twin
 15 Towers I, again, was listening to the radio and I
 16 thought, oh, this is a joke. This can't be
 17 happening. Well, I was wrong. It was happening.
 18 So, this is what I envision.
 19 There's all those fields in Port Elizabeth, all
 20 those gas tanks, and then there's Newark Airport and
 21 then there's going to be this humongous tanker. No,
 22 I'm against it. Thank you.
 23 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Scott
 24 Winter?
 25 MR. WINTER: On behalf of my union,

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1 I would like to thank you for the opportunity to
2 speak with you this evening. Unions have a long
3 history of providing the opportunity for ordinary
4 people, like me, to stand up and be heard about
5 projects that are essential to our bread and butter
6 issues. My union performs all the dredging, beach
7 replenishment, offshore cable and offshore pipeline
8 projects in various other maritime industry work,
9 including, hopefully, the upcoming offshore
10 renewable energy wind farms.

11 I'm here to speak about the job
12 creation aspect of this project and to also refute
13 some of the misconceptions about this proposed plan.
14 There is information being disseminated to sway
15 public opinion against this project.

16 First, I'll make a comment
17 regarding the jobs. Jobs at all costs, jobs even at
18 the cost of environment, no way. We don't believe
19 in jobs at all costs. We, too, believe that jobs do
20 not trump the environment. No job should be placed
21 over the environment. My union has manned every
22 major pipeline project in the area in the last 30
23 years with no adverse environmental impact resulting
24 from those projects nor will the environment be
25 sacrificed for this project either. That, my

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1 friends, is an absolute fact. That cannot be
2 refuted.
3 However, approximately 250 jobs
4 will be created aboard the lake barge and the
5 supporting the vessels, not to mention the hundreds
6 of engineering plans, surveying, transportation,
7 manufacturing and other jobs that are much needed in
8 our economy.

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9 Now let me talk about a little
10 something about the windmills, because that's direct
11 correlation. Everybody is talking about windmills
12 in here tonight. There's a lot of hypocrisy in this
13 room. Windmills, my friends, there's not a single
14 windmill that exists off the United States coast.
15 Not one. Cape Wind Project, we've been fighting for
16 12 years and lost that. Right now it is not being
17 built. And why? Because the environmentalists shut
18 that project down, just like they're going to shut
19 down the Atlantic Wind Connection Project. That's
20 what you're going to do in this room. Don't talk to
21 me about renewable energy. Because there's only one
22 other person in this room that has done more for
23 offshore renewable energy than me. Not a single one
24 of you have done nearly as much as I have done.
25 That's a fact. And you will shut it down, because

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1 you don't want industrialization.
 2 [Audience interruptions.]
 3 You got to give me more time. No,
 4 I still have time. You got to give me more time.
 5 You got to give me more time. No, I still have
 6 time. You got to give me more time. You got to
 7 give me time. You're the mediator. No, got time.
 8 Got time. You got to give me time. You got to give
 9 me time. They're not going to let me talk. Nope, I
 10 still have time. You've got to give me time. Give
 11 me time. You're the mediator. No. Got time. Got
 12 time. You've got to give me the time. You got to
 13 give me the time until they be quiet. Mindfulness.
 14 MR. OLSEN: Your time is up. Thank
 15 you, sir. Your time is up.
 16 [Audience interruptions.]
 17 MR. OLSEN: Mr. Winter, your time
 18 is up. Thank you, Mr. Winter. Your time is up.
 19 Thank you. Thank you very much.
 20 For everyone in the room, everyone,
 21 speakers and audience, please respect each other.
 22 Next speaker is Kari Martin.
 23 MS. MARTIN: Hi, Kari Martin,
 24 M-A-R-T-I-N. I speak -- thank you very much for the
 25 opportunity to, for all of us to come together and

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1 learn and speak to each other and speak to this
2 issue. I'm speaking to you today as a person that
3 has an advanced degree in environmental science and
4 also as a newly appointed Clean Ocean Action board
5 member, but today I'm really speaking to you as a
6 mother. I have a five year old and a three year
7 old. They were here, but it's their bedtime, so
8 they're home, but I wanted to tell you a little bit
9 about how I prepped them for coming here today in
10 just a couple minutes.

11 I told them where we were going.
12 They asked me what was LNG. I explained that as
13 well as I could to a five and three year old. And
14 then they asked me, what it would do to the ocean
15 and I told them what it says in the DEIS, that there
16 will be minimal impact to the ocean. How do you
17 describe minimal to a five and three year old?
18 Because, you know what, every worm, every fish,
19 every piece of plant in the ocean is important to
20 them. And this project will threaten every single
21 living thing in this ocean and that's unacceptable
22 to a three and a five year old and any other
23 children or citizen of New Jersey and New York.

24 And I'm very passionate about this,
25 because I cannot put a price on the enjoyment of my

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1 children on this ocean, on the ocean, of the ocean.
2 When I see them riding the waves and splashing in
3 the water, playing in the sand and seeing nothing
4 but recreational people enjoying the ocean, it's,
5 there's no price on that.

6 And the only thing that Liberty
7 sees is money for them, okay, and I can't even put a
8 price on the enjoyment my children get and my family
9 gets and my generations of families before me gets
10 from seeing the wild and free ocean free of LNG. I
11 urge you to listen to all these people here who have
12 given heartfelt testimony against this proposal and
13 do not take action, further action on this project
14 at all. No LNG in our ocean. Thank you.

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15 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next
16 speaker is Jeff Tittel.

17 MR. TITTEL: Jeff Tittel, director,
18 New Jersey Sierra Club and I'm here representing our
19 60,000 members and supporters in New Jersey, but our
20 2 million members nationally and our unionized work
21 force. The Sierra Club strongly believes that this
22 project is the wrong project in the wrong place with
23 absolutely for the wrong reason. Quite frankly,
24 this is a hearing, but the question is, will the
25 fossil fools down in Washington hear us today and

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1 tomorrow and into the next year and say no LNG off
2 our coast?

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3 We are awash in natural gas in this
4 country. We have more than we need. Importing
5 natural gas makes absolutely no sense. You know, it
6 would be sort of like, I don't even want to go down
7 that road, it makes no sense other than this is a
8 stalking horse for export and the Sierra Club is
9 involved in litigation in Cove Point. We had an ACO
10 say import only and yet it's turning around. So, we
11 know that this DEIS is so full of hot air you can
12 fill up one of those tankers with it.

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13 We also know that any commitment
14 that you make isn't worth the paper it's written on,
15 because it will switch in a minute. We don't want
16 to see Pennsylvania and Ohio fracked and now we
17 don't want to see our ocean fracked. We don't want
18 to see pipelines cutting through environmentally
19 sensitive areas and gas going off to Europe or other
20 places.

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21 We strongly believe that we do have
22 an answer, which is renewable energy, and the Sierra
23 Club helped to write the Offshore Wind Economic
24 Development Act in the state and has been pushing
25 for it and we support Cape Wind and we support many

SP122-1 See response to SP23-4.

SP122-2 Thank you for your comment.

SP122-3 See response to SP23-7.

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1 other projects. We've been a leader in offshore
2 wind and wind development and solar energy in this
3 country. So, for someone to make that kind of
4 statement is just wrong.

5 More importantly, 400,000 of our
6 members and other members went to New York City this
7 fall and demanded action on climate change. This
8 does that kind of action. On top of that, we've
9 been devastated by Hurricane Sandy and we need an
10 LNG tunnel like we need another super storm. It
11 makes absolutely no sense and it robs the clean
12 energy economy and it hurts us long-term and it's
13 not viable and this DEIS should be scrapped.

14 Patrick Henry was wrong when he
15 said give me liberty or give me death. If we go
16 along with this, we may get both. This is an
17 unsafe, an unstable technology that if there's a
18 leak, you're talking about super cooled gas getting
19 out there that freezes everything around it for
20 miles as it dissipates and creates a cloud and one
21 spark sets it off. The Exxon Valdez was a disaster.

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22 If one of these tankers goes off in New York's
23 harbor, it will be a Holocaust. Thank you.

24 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Fabia
25 Rodriguez? Next would be Jane Asselta. Jane

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SP122-4 See response to SP1-2.

SP122-5 See response to SP5-2.

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1 Asselta?

2 MS. ASSELTA: Good evening.

SP123 3 Welcome to New Jersey. My name is Jane Asselta,
4 A-S, as in Sam, S, as in Sam, E-L-T-A. I'm the
5 vice-president of the Southern New Jersey
6 Development Council and I come here tonight to speak
7 in support of the Liberty Natural Gas deepwater port
8 infrastructure.

9 As a business economic development
10 organization comprised of over 300 mid- to large
11 sized businesses, the Southern New Jersey
12 Development Council and its members understands the
13 impact of energy crisis on economic development and
14 the importance of supporting infrastructure
SP123-1 15 investment. We believe several factors point to the
16 need for new natural gas supply infrastructure in
17 New Jersey. There's a growing reliance on natural
18 gas for electric generation as illustrated by two
19 South Jersey projects. New generation projects,
20 such as the West Deptford Energy Station in
21 Gloucester County, are using natural gas to generate
22 electricity. Old generation facilities, such as the
23 BL England Generation Station in Atlantic County,
24 are converting from coal fire to natural gas to
25 generate electricity.

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1 In addition to electricity demands
2 rebounding from after the great recession, growing
3 peak electric demands require adequate natural gas
4 capacity. The 2014 polar vortex, going on again
5 today, points to a stressed condition in the energy
6 market. As the lengthy cold weather conditions set
7 in, existing pipelines reach capacity and develop in
8 volatility in the market called a price spike
9 entirely absorbed by consumers. These conditions
10 will occur again unless natural gas transmission
11 capacity is increased.

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12 We are pleased to learn the
13 approximate \$600 million Port Ambrose project will
14 require no ratepayer or taxpayer subsidy, will
15 create over 800 union construction jobs, utilize
16 several fabrication and staging areas in New Jersey.
17 We also appreciate that the technology used in the
18 project is state of the art, designed to meet the
19 lowest air and water impact and has successfully
20 operated safely in other US and international
21 locations.

SP123-2 See response to SP117-1.

22 Through private sector investment,
23 private infrastructure investments such as the Port
24 Ambrose project, reliable and adequate natural gas
25 capacity will reduce and stabilize natural gas

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1 prices and will mean lower energy costs in New
2 Jersey, which is some of the most expensive
3 electricity prices in the United States.

4 Stable energy costs help business
5 and industry plan for expansion and create economic
6 development. For these reasons we support the
7 deepwater port license application. Thank you for
8 the opportunity to share our opinion on this
9 important issue. Thanks again.

10 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. George
11 Moffett? George Moffett? That moves us to page
12 five. Beginning page five is John Weber. After
13 that, Doug O'Malley, Kerry Butch, Paul Rinear, Alan
14 Godber, Marcy VanZile, Sylvia Weisbrot, Jim Lovgren,
15 William DeCamp, Robert Ridge, Robert Sandberg,
16 Joanne Paynone.

17 I begin with John Weber.

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18 MR. WEBER: I'm John Weber. John
19 with an H. Weber with one B.

20 It was two weeks before Christmas
21 and all through the community, everyone was stirring
22 for they feared LNG. We should have been hanging up
23 stockings for tykes, but we got a draft EIS that
24 made everyone say yikes. Instead of shopping and
25 partying with friends in our homes, we were stuck

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1 inside reading this 1,800 page tome. And with some
2 in their kerchiefs and some in their caps, we sat in
3 bed reading with no long winter's naps.

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4 And what did we learn in these
5 pages and pages, this is the dumbest idea they have
6 come up with in ages. To import this gas that we
7 have in abundance, well that's the stupidest thing
8 with redundancy. And we had just three weeks to
9 plan and prepare for two public hearings. There was

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10 no time to spare. And one thing about these
11 hearings I can hardly stands it. They're at big
12 hotels with no public transit.

13 And the Coast Guard and MARAD, they
14 go on and on, so when the hearing starts the
15 reporters are all gone. The timing of this hearing
16 it is ridiculous, hysterical. You'll say it was a
17 mistake, an error, merely clerical. But I think
18 it's the public you aim to malign, because there are
19 hearings tonight for rebuild by design. We had a
20 Hurricane Sandy, a real big super storm, and HUD
21 wants us to rebuild in a way better than norm.
22 Through rebuild by design some projects were chose,
23 but we're stuck here talking about Port Ambrose.

24 From Sandy still some communities
25 are a mess, but you brought us another threat to

SP124-1 See response to SP23-4.

SP124-2 Thank you for your comment.

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1 address. So, coal in your stocking, because I think
2 you've been bad and I'm talking about you, Coast
3 Guard and MARAD. But, to everyone else who has
4 joined in this fight, Merry Christmas to all. Let's
5 stop LNG tonight.

6 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Doug
7 O'Malley.

8 MR. O'MALLEY: I will not be
9 reading a poem, because that is, that is
10 unbelievable. My name is Doug O'Malley. I'm the
11 director of Environment New Jersey. We represent
12 over 20,000 citizen members all across this great
13 state and, quite frankly, this project is a climate
14 bomb, because it's waiting to go off, both
15 figuratively and literally, and it's a clear and
16 present danger to our communities. It's clear and
17 present danger to our oceans and it's clear and
18 present danger to our climate.

19 Liberty Natural Gas's project is a
20 awful, it's an awful solution to a nonexistent
21 problem and, quite frankly, the reason why it's a
22 nonexistent problem has been stated very clearly.
23 It's a fantasy of an import market in this country
24 right now. It's at a standstill. There is no need
25 for this project other than Liberty Natural Gas's

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1 bottom line. Even looking at LIPA, Long Island
2 Power Authority, the electricity capacity, they're
3 good until 2024.

4 So, you know, let's be clear. This
5 project is not about need. It's only about Liberty
6 Natural Gas's bottom line.

7 But, more importantly, let's
8 actually look at what the solution is, because it's
9 awful. As we've heard both in verse and in
10 multiple, multiple recitations, the impact of global
11 warning in New Jersey doesn't have to be imagined.
12 Ask the residents of Mystic Island and Toms River.
13 Ask the residents of Sea Bright, as we heard from
14 Mayor Dina Long. Ask the residents of Ortley Beach.
15 Those are communities that are still reeling from
16 the impacts of Hurricane Sandy and extreme weather
17 is not an abstraction. It's not just one storm.
18 It's, it's a reality and the question is, what are
19 we going to do about climate change.

20 New Jersey is doing something about
21 climate change or at least it was until Governor
22 Christie came on the scene. We have a law on the
23 books to reduce our emissions by 80 percent by 2050
24 and doubling down on fossil fuels off the Jersey
25 Shore is clearly the wrong way to go. This process

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1 does not obviously include a real, a real
2 alternative, because obviously the real no action
3 alternative is not to build LNG. The real
4 alternative is actually an action alternative that
5 doubles down on clean energy. We can power all of
6 New Jersey, even through offshore wind or through
7 solar. We've seen the cost of solar decrease by a
8 third over the last three years. We've seen the
9 installations increase by two-thirds from 2010 to
10 2013.

11 I was proud to join Fisherman's
12 Energy right before Christmas at their
13 groundbreaking in Atlantic City. If we're serious
14 about clean energy in this country, we need to be
15 invested in clean energy. Right now it's easier to
16 build fossil fuels off the Jersey Shore than it is
17 to build clean energy and that ultimately doesn't
18 help Liberty Natural Gas's bottom line, but it will
19 help the future of this state so that 40, 50 years
20 from now we are harnessing the power of the wind and
21 the sun and not relying on dirty natural gas. Thank
22 you.

23 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next, Kerry
24 Butch.

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25 MS. BUTCH: Hi, my name is Kerry

SP125-3 See response to SP102-2.

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1 Margaret Butch, and that's spelled B-U-T-C-H, like
 2 the nickname. I'm the executive director of the, I
 3 almost said the wrong thing, I'm the executive
 4 director of the League of Women Voters of New Jersey
 5 and a lot of people here are members of the League
 6 of Women Voters of New Jersey and the League of
 7 Women Voters of New Jersey have been around for 95
 8 years. We have 30 local leagues throughout the
 9 state and we have thousands of supporters and we
 10 oppose this project. My comments tonight hopefully
 11 will be brief.

12 I'm always in awe when I come to
 13 see citizens that participate. You're really, I
 14 feel honored to be here and I thank you for the
 15 opportunity to speak. I also want to encourage you
 16 to have another public hearing, because, as John
 17 Weber so poetically explained, this, we received the
 18 EIS over Christmas. We do appreciate the extended
 19 comment time, but we also feel like why not have
 20 another public hearing at the end of that comment
 21 time so that people have time to really look at the
 22 EIS. More people, more public participation.

23 Okay. So, here we go. The League
 24 of Women Voters of New Jersey concurs with the
 25 League of Women Voters of New York State and hereby

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SP126-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 submits that the draft Environmental Impact
2 Statement for Liberty Natural Gas importation of
3 natural gas is incomplete. It's incomplete without
4 the inclusion of Liberty National Gas's financial
5 status and its ability to take responsibility for
6 the risks and hazards presented by this proposed
7 project.

8 The executive summary states at
9 page ten, financial responsibility is being
10 evaluated within MARAD as a separate task that would
11 be considered along with this EIS as part of the
12 final licensing decision. We submit that the
13 financial responsibility of Liberty Natural Gas
14 represents information that the public has a right
15 to know. So citizen taxpayers can evaluate if
16 Liberty Natural Gas has the financial resources to
17 support such a large investment of construction and
18 operation of the port pipeline and two LNG
19 regasification vessels, staff, offices, et cetera,
20 and whether it carries sufficient insurance or
21 sufficient hands-on cash reserves in case of
22 accidents or malfunctions involving the company's
23 delivery of liquid natural gas to the port
24 regasification and further delivery of the gas to
25 existing Transco pipeline.

SP126-2 See response to SP12-1.

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1 Also, we are very concerned where,
2 about the EIS, the safety. I'm sorry. Here we go.
3 All aspects --

4 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Your time
5 is up. Thank you. Paul Rinear? Paul Rinear? Alan
6 S. Godber?

7 MR. GODBER: Good evening,
8 everyone. I'm involved with -- I'm sorry. My name
9 is Alan Godber. I live in Milltown. So, I'm not
10 directly affected by the shore, but so many
11 indirectly affected with big storms we've had
12 recently and things like that. I'm involved with
13 Watershed Association and Environmental Commission
14 for the last 17 or 18 years, so I know quite a bit
15 about this, but not necessarily expertise on all
16 these things.

17 However, this kind of proposal, if
18 it was made 50 years ago or a hundred years ago,
19 might have made sense. To make it now is totally
20 and utterly ridiculous. We should be moving and we
21 have to move towards sustainable energy from the
22 sun. If we do not do that, our future generations
23 won't be able to live here and they will curse us
24 for what we did. And so this is just a foolish
25 idea.

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SP127-1 See response to SP88-1.

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SP127-2 1 It's going to have no economic
2 benefit, as far as I can see. Certainly not from
3 importing points of view and if you're going to
4 start exporting natural gas liquified, then that
5 means we're going to have more fracking in
6 Pennsylvania and other places and we're going to
7 have more people sick. It's terrible from an
8 environmental point of view and I don't think
9 anybody realizes, well, I think some people do, how
10 serious a matter this is and it's going to get more
11 serious.

SP127-3 12 The other possible problems with
13 this is that we might have an accident out in the
14 ocean. We know this has happened before. It's not
15 the first time. It's not even the second time. If
16 we had a serious accident with leakage and leakage,
17 as I understand last year was something like, in
18 various parts on land, were over 19,000 leakages.
19 Most of which the people with uprighting systems
20 knew nothing about. That's kind of scary. This
21 could happen in the ocean. Let's hope it never
22 would, but hope is not good enough.
23 We have to be sure that we're doing
24 the right thing and this is not the right thing to
25 be doing. I'm totally opposed to this project. It

SP127-2 Thank you for your comment.

SP127-3 See response to SP5-2.

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1 should not happen now or ever.
 2 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Marcy
 3 VanZile? Marcy? Next is Sylvia Weisbrot?
 4 MS. WEISBROT: Hello, my name is
 5 Sylvia Weisbrot, W-E-I-S-B-R-O-T. I'm a retired
 6 schoolteacher. I have an environmental education
 7 degree and I still teach my kids. I teach them
 8 about trees, but today instead of the Lorax teaching
 9 about trees, I'm speaking for the seas. I just
 10 thought about that. And all of my talking points
 11 have been actually been said. I'm against this.
 12 I'm also a league member, League of Women Voters,
 13 and I also was on a march in New York. So, I'm
 14 committed and I think some of these other people
 15 should be committed, too.
 16 I live in Linden, New Jersey.
 17 Linden is a toxic waste dump. My father wrote a
 18 book in 1939 about Linden and how Sir Francis Drake
 19 sent a ship up the Rahway River and it was pristine
 20 and there was all kinds of exotic animals and all
 21 kinds of flora and fauna. And one of the men of the
 22 ship actually was killed by an Indian, which the
 23 kids in the school really thought that was very
 24 interesting. But, now we're talking about a city
 25 that is so contaminated after 40 or 50 years and

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1 more and all these other places. We have a new
2 threat. That tiger isn't like someone in there
3 already said. It's bigger than the Statue of
4 Liberty.

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5 Do you know how long it takes to
6 turn that thing around in the ocean and how many
7 ships are going to be involved while it does that?
8 And what happens when we have another World Trade
9 Center? I stood in my backyard and watched the
10 smoke and I was supposed to have been at that site
11 the next day meeting a cousin who was in the World
12 Trade Center and he survived.

13 This is the wrong thing. It's not
14 right for the future. It's not right for the
15 children. It's not right for the ocean. It's not
16 right. Think about what happens in the future.
17 Global warming is real and the vortex, the climate
18 with that frozen air, who do you think is
19 responsible for it? Could it be us and the way we
20 treat our earth?

21 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Jim
22 Lovgren? William DeCamp?

23 MR. DeCAMP: Thank you. Thank you
24 for holding this hearing here tonight. My name is
25 Willie DeCamp and I'm president of the Save Barnegat

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See response to comment SP5-2. Note that no additional ships are needed to turn an LNGRV that has directional thrusters.

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1 Bay. DeCamp is spelled D-E-C-A-M-P.

2 And our major theme, just to

3 conform to the moderator's request for headline

SP129-1 4 item, is that as far as we can see there's no really

5 convincing demonstrable benefits from this project

6 if you really look at it. And, secondly, there are

SP129-2 7 many obvious real detriments and real risks that the

8 project will bring about. And I'd like to touch on

9 just a few, four if the three minutes allows.

SP129-3 10 One thing that really concerns us

11 is the impacts to the fishing community, commercial

12 and recreational, and there's just, it's irrefutable

13 that you're taking fishing waters away from them.

14 So, that's a real detriment, regardless of whether

15 some terrible accident occurs, which is a very real

16 possibility.

17 And so, in addition to that actual

18 detriment, you also have to consider that fish

19 population is whatever the National Marines Fishery

20 says. They don't determine where they go according

21 to latitude and longitude or a plot plan on the sea

22 floor. It's really where the water mass appropriate

23 for their biology at any given time is. And so as

24 the climate changes, the earth, you really don't

25 know how, how bad the impact on the fishery will be,

SP129-1 See response to SP127-2.

SP129-2 See response to SP5-2.

SP129-3 See response to comment FA6-8 for a discussion of potential impacts due to the implementation of navigational safety measures that would limit certain uses within the Safety Zone, no anchoring area, and areas to be avoided.

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1 because different fish will want to be inhabiting
2 the waters that will be under this geographical
3 point.

4 And it is also important to note
5 that if this gets approved, then, it then schools
6 out other facilities are going to be approved, which
7 would be a huge detriment to fisherman.

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8 The safety aspect concerns us
9 greatly and I'd just like to ask to focus on one
10 point, which is, if the identity of the applicants
11 is secret, if they're anonymous, how can the public
12 or how can you, as the reviewers of this permit, be
13 assured that there's no concomitant security risk.

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14 The economics of it, also, I think
15 you should, I would request that you look at it very
16 hard and because it just doesn't make sense given
17 the glut and given the low price of natural gas.

18 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Your time
19 is up. Thank you very much. Robert Rieche? Robert
20 Rieche, R-I-E-C-H-E? After Robert is Robert
21 Sandberg and then Joanne Pammone and then we'll go
22 to page six.

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23 MR. RIECHE: Good evening. My name
24 is Bob Rieche. I'm a member of Local 1656 and I
25 represent the divers of New York and New Jersey. I

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SP129-4 See response to SP23-4.

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1 heard a lot here tonight about how this won't bring
2 jobs to our area or to our economy. This is a diver
3 project. This is a project that's going to be
4 extremely diver intensive. One of the things that
5 we have unique to our area is New York and New
6 Jersey have probably the highest concentrate of
7 full-time commercial divers. One of the things that
8 people will look at and say, well, the Gulf of
9 Mexico, that's where all the oil and gas is. One of
10 the things that we have in New York that people
11 don't realize is this is the oldest port. Between
12 New York, Philadelphia and Boston, this port was the
13 first port that they started to build. These ports
14 are constantly being worked on by our divers. Our
15 divers have the capability to do this work. They
16 have the knowledge to do this work and to do it
17 safely.

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18 Another thing that's been brought
19 up is the environmental impact of digging this 20
20 mile trench that this pipe is going to line in.
21 I've heard numbers of 30 feet wide and all this, all
22 these things. The size of the trench is usually
23 determined by the size of the pipe. It's no more
24 than a few inches wider than the pipe at best and it
25 usually gets jetted down or emulsified where the

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1 sled will go over the top and create a quick sand
2 like in the sand or mud bottom and the pipe slowly
3 sinks to the bottom. It's very low impact. We've
4 done several other projects in Long Island south, an
5 18-inch cable for LIPA and a couple other gas lines.

6 I also heard a lot of talk about
7 Cape Wind and Fisherman's Energy. We were hugely
8 behind those projects and sadly to say they're not
9 here any longer. They're not being done. And, you
10 know, to our detriment and loss, that's another
11 energy source that we don't have. We're going to
12 have to come up with ways to supply this area with
13 the energy for the future.

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14 Another issue that has been talked
15 about a lot is the long-term jobs. All right. When
16 you talk about what the long-term jobs are going to
17 be, eight, ten guys here and there, maybe they're
18 going to crew out of Baltimore or I think I heard
19 Albany. They're going to crew out of the closest
20 location they can to get this work done. They're
21 going to crew out of our area, out of New York, out
22 of New Jersey and they're going to crew back and
23 forth. They're not going to ship materials from way
24 up north down to this project.

25 So, and as far as the long-term

SP130-2 See response to SP120-2.

SP130-3 Thank you for your comment.

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1 jobs, all of this structure, all of this is going to
2 take extreme amount of maintenance. It will all be
3 done by local labor, if we have our say, and one of
4 the things you got to realize it will be done by
5 local labor, because our guys are trained for it.
6 Thank you.

7 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Robert
8 Sandberg?

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9 MR. SANDBERG: My name is Robert
10 Sandberg, S-A-N-D-B-E-R-G, from Tinton Falls, New
11 Jersey and I'm speaking on behalf of myself, one of
12 many end users through the waters of the New York
13 bight. I'm a strong proponent of Rational Coastal
14 Zoning Management Program and Intelligent Coastal
15 and Marine Spatial Planning.

16 This project, the EIS, I think as
17 some, I agree with a lot of the talking points of
18 many of the opponents that spoke before me and I
19 belong to some of those organizations. I'm also a
20 former Coast Guard post that ran small boats for
21 port security and search and rescue missions, but I
22 think this terminal is totally unnecessary and is
23 really going to be a stain on the New York bight.

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24 I was former president of the
25 recreational Jersey Shore Divers Organization and a

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SP131-1 See response to FA4-2 for a discussion of purpose and need, and peak demand.

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1 member of the New Jersey Council of Diver Clubs and
2 as such I fought against the offshore dumping and I
3 think that, I'm also involved in fishing, rec
4 diving, sailing, which is, you know, some of the
5 sports that are practiced out on the, in the New
6 York bight and one of my concerns is the size of the
7 exclusionary security zone that's going to be put in
8 place when these tankers are coming in and out and
9 offloading or on loading with whatever the cases
10 negate us.

11 When this security zone is in
12 place, commercial fishermen, recreational fishermen
13 and other users of the bight are going to have to
14 stay away and that really concerns me. I think the
15 EIS is just a foot in the door by a snake oil
16 salesman, you know, based out of the Cayman Island.
17 Thank you.

18 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Joanne
19 Paynone.

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20 MS. PAYNONE: Hi. I'm Joanne
21 Paynone. You're all glazed over. I'll be short. I
22 have a personal story.

23 My father was an ironworker with
24 Local 68 and when the Oyster Creek Nuclear Power
25 Plant came, we went to the hearings, because he was

SP131-2 See response to SP86-2.

SP132 Thank you for your comment.

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1 also a fisherman. We kept a boat, a 33-foot fishing
2 boat on the Barnegat Bay. When four years of that
3 construction, the union shop was empty, all the
4 ironworkers were working, but when the job was done,
5 they were back looking for work, whether it be Great
6 Adventure or a mall, they were back on the road
7 looking for a job. That's the union way.

8 And when that atomic power plant
9 came online, it spewed out hot water. For the last
10 40 years the Barnegat Bay has been cooking with the
11 hot water and it's been devastated. This is an
12 example of what could happen with this LNG and
13 because of this experience, I'm against this LNG.
14 Thank you.

15 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Okay. That
16 moves us into page six. Page six begins with Margo
17 Pellegrino, after that Peter Donnelly, Jim Rapp,
18 Nona Henderson, Richard Lee, Glen Miller, Ken
19 Collins, Sid Madison, Amy Goldsmith, Christine
20 O'Rourke, John Burke and then Diane Beeny.

21 Begins with Margo Pellegrino.

22 MS. PELLEGRINO: Hi, Margo
23 Pellegrino, M-A-R-G-O, P-E-L-L-E-G-R-I-N-O. You
24 know, basically everything I wanted to say has
25 already really been said, but I'll just say it again

SP132-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 in a slightly different way.

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2 First off, I actually do find this
3 whole thing really insulting. We get this DEIS how
4 many days before Christmas. It's, like, it's a
5 monster. It's just a monster. Like, who's going to
6 actually read that to have any kind of, you know,
7 anything substantive to say if you're a volunteer.
8 If you're getting paid for, to read that stuff it's
9 going to take weeks to really digest it. So, that's
10 actually insulting.

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11 The other insulting thing that I
12 just can't get over is like you're talking about,
13 you're building it as an import facility. You're
14 saying we've got to do another permit. They've got
15 to file this, they got to do that, big whoop. It's
16 nothing. It's peanuts. If you, if you live with
17 your head in a hole in the ground, maybe you don't
18 pay attention to the news, maybe you don't know we
19 have a glut of gas in the United States. Maybe you
20 don't see the news that we are, like, looking at
21 exports. Maybe you don't remember when Russia
22 invaded Crimea and there was actually front page of
23 the New York Times, I forget what article it was,
24 weeks back, months back, oh, wow, we've got to save
25 Europe. We've got to export gas to save Europe.

SP133-1 Thank you for your comment.

SP133-2 See response to SP15-2.

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1 No. No. We've really got to save ourselves and we
2 also, like, I'm also a mom and I do a lot of crazy
3 things for the ocean, because, you know what, I
4 really do love the ocean and I love my children and
5 I'm not Daddy Warbucks. I don't have a ton of cash.
6 All I have is to leave my kids the ocean and this
7 planet as healthy as I found it when I first came
8 onto it.

9 And some of these, like, and I'll
10 tell you something, my background, I don't usually
11 say this, but, heck, because I'm an advocate and I'm
12 a loud mouth, I will never get a regular job, but my
13 degree is in labor study. I studied unions and
14 management from Rutgers. That's not Cornell, by the
15 way. That was Rutgers. That was pretty lefty.
16 That was pretty union side and it really is high
17 time that the union guys start looking and joining
18 forces with the green forces, because, you know
19 what, we need to address climate change. We need
20 clean energy. Not this. The vortex, oh, the
21 vortex, when I grew up in New Jersey, I grew up in
22 South Jersey, all my life, you would walk outside in
23 the winter and your nostril would freeze shut and
24 this was normal. Now it's like, oh, my God, it's
25 cold. It's not normal. No. No. No. This is what

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1 winters used to be like. What's not normal is we
2 get this maybe for a week or two.
3 Climate change is for real. This
4 is going to bring in, what, a couple hundred
5 million? New Jersey's tourism industry is a \$40
6 billion industry. 20 billion of that, half of that,
7 is from the shore. We cannot sacrifice our ocean to
8 this. We cannot sacrifice those jobs, because those
9 are little guy jobs. Not big guy jobs.

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10 And, I'm sorry, the thing about the
11 Cayman Islands, that does disturb me, because, guess
12 what, one of your little things out there says that
13 this is not going to hurt the taxpayer, no taxpayer,
14 until the pooh hits the fan.

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15 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Thank you.
16 Peter Donnelly? Peter Donnelly? Jim Rabi?
17 MR. RAPF: Good evening, everybody.
18 I'd like to start by thanking from all
19 environmentalists the decision by New York State to
20 ban fracking and all the states for the moratorium
21 against this unnecessary, unhealthy, destructive job
22 displacing practice. And this proposal tonight is
23 just yet another extension of that industry's desire
24 to destroy America, make themselves even richer and
25 export our natural gas. So, I'd like to title the

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SP133-4 See response to SP65-1.

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rest of my speech, let's build America to lead.

Clean energy is the greater creator of jobs. I implore my fellow union brothers to stop walking lock step blindly and following their business leaders and their business agents and become independent thinkers, but more importantly to stop voting for policies that ship their jobs to foreign nations and their family's wealth to the portfolios of foreign investors for a master of limited partnership. These are the vehicles that your job will lead this country on.

I attended a summit on the impacts of Super Storm Sandy which showed that the topography of the very place that you're going to place this export facility, and it is an export facility, because no one imports gas for \$3.10 from Europe, by the way, that's what it traded at today, is a bottleneck. And with super storms becoming increasingly dangerous, there is no way to predict what the bottleneck will bring as far as sea level rise and intense storms.

I'd like to continue by saying that the Deepwater Horizon catastrophe taught us that when things go wrong in this oil and gas industry, they can go really wrong and, more importantly, the

SP134-1 1 oil and gas industry cannot solve or even mitigate
2 the disasters that they themselves create. A spill,
3 an explosion, a leak will devastate New Jersey's
4 tourism industry permanently. Union members should
5 think carefully to observe that when you lie down
6 with dogs, you may get fleas.

SP134-2 7 CNBC reported often that as soon as
8 export begins, gas prices will triple and there goes
9 the lie. There goes energy independence. So, I'll
10 ask you energy independence is this a lie, because
11 you're taught when you get on a jury that if someone
12 is testifying and they're caught in one lie, then
13 you should treat their whole testimony as a lie.
14 This industry told us that gas drilling is safe.
15 New York state proved it's a lie. And they said
16 they wouldn't poison the streams, it's a lie. So,
17 it's all a lie people.

18 So, the people of powers that be,
19 please use that knowledge that you're taught to have
20 and vote for clean, renewable energy, because that
21 is really the only sustainable future for America.
22 Thank you.

23 MR. OLSEN: Nona Henderson?

SP135 24 MS. HENDERSON: Nona Henderson,
25 H-E-N-D-E-R-S-O-N. I'm currently a member and of

SP134-1 See response to SA4-1 for a discussion of safety.

SP134-2 Thank you for your comment.

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1 the board of trustees for the Lawrence Brook
2 Watershed Partnership. Alan Godber before me and
3 many of the others people who testified made my key
4 points having to do with my concern about marine
5 creatures that would be harmed by this proposal.

6 In 1973 I trained, actually, I
7 graduated with a degree in fisheries and in 1973 we
8 collected bottleneck fishes from the Hudson Cannon
9 and at that time all of the fish that we collected
10 had plastics already in its gut. That's 40 years
11 ago. So, the people in this room that fought for 40
12 years to end ocean dumping, to improve the quality
13 of the water and we don't need to go back. We don't
14 need to go back. We need to go forward to be a more
15 productive future.

16 I worked for Rutgers for ten years
17 as a seafood marketing specialist with the sea grant
18 program and like Frank Pallone before me also worked
19 with the sea grant before becoming congressman. We
20 love the shore. We value the resources,
21 particularly commercial fisheries, recreational
22 fisheries, and carving out another part of the
23 communal gift of the ocean for the profit of one
24 company is just really the wrong approach.

25 I support renewable energy, clean

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SP135-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 energy and strongly object to this proposal. Our
2 organization works to maintain water, freshwater
3 quality in very small stream that's a tributary of
4 the Raritan River. That river was used as a dump
5 for decades and it's slowly coming back to life
6 thanks to Bill Schultz and other people who worked
7 very hard to inform people.

8 The people of this room care about
9 the ocean in New Jersey and we care about the
10 resources in it and we just hope that you'll act
11 responsibly to turn down this proposal. Thank you.

12 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Richard Lee
13 is next. Richard Lee?

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14 MR. LEE: Hi, my name is Richard
15 Lee, L-E-E, tough spelling. I'm with Surfers
16 Environmental Alliance. Surfers Environmental
17 Alliance has worked with Clean Ocean Action and the
18 coalition since the inception of the ideas for these
19 liquid natural gas plants and we are opposed to
20 these plants. We also, I would also like to say
21 that SEA would like Governor Cuomo and Governor
22 Christie to veto these plans when they get the
23 opportunity to. I appreciate all of the remarks
24 that everyone has made here tonight. There have
25 been some great statistics and ideas as to why they

SP136-1 See response to SP89-7.

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1 believe and I believe that this will be an export
2 plant at some point along the way.

3 But I'm a big movie fan and this
4 really reminds me of a really bad zombie movie where
5 the governor has chopped off the zombie's head and
6 it somehow finds his head and comes back again.
7 Let's finish off the zombies and cheer for the
8 humans. Thank you.

9 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Glen
10 Miller? Glen Miller? Ken Collins?

11 MR. COLLINS: Good evening. Thank
12 you for the opportunity to speak to you. My name is
13 Ken Collins, K-E-N, C-O-L-L-I-N-S. I'm a former
14 United States Army Sergeant and a 25 year union
15 worker, currently a union worker. Before I get
16 started on my prepared statement, I want to say when
17 I came in outside here there was a presentation
18 going on. One of the presenters had an easel with a
19 picture of a tanker spinning around and he was
20 explaining to somebody that if there was an
21 explosion the impacts would be minimal. It would
22 burn off very quickly and all you would see is a
23 little bit of burnt stuff. Big deal. And that is a
24 ridiculous thing to say and I can't believe that
25 that was what was being presented to the public

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1 tonight and that is really appalling. It's not
2 true.

3 So, here's my prepared statement.

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4 There is no such thing as a safe LNG facility.
5 None. Liquified natural gas is inherently dangerous
6 and very hazardous to handle. The proposed Port
7 Ambrose LNG terminal must be rejected by the
8 regulatory agencies responsible for making this
9 decision. New Jersey shore communities are still
10 struggling to recover from Super Storm Sandy's
11 devastation and a dangerous industrial project such
12 as this one has no place in the Jersey Shore's
13 rebound.

14 The proposed terminal would detract

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15 significantly from the scenic natural environment
16 New Jersey has worked so hard to protect and
17 restore. The negative impact on tourism and area
18 redevelopment are immeasurable. The increase in
19 truck and tanker traffic would create hazardous
20 situations on this land and sea, all completely
21 avoidable by simply saying no to the short sided and
22 environmentally reprehensible proposal.

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23 The natural gas boom will go bust

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24 as all booms do. Many experts are saying that our
25 natural gas supply is only going to last 20 years

SP137-1 See response to SP5-2. See response to SP1-2.

SP137-2 Thank you for your comment.

SP137-3 Thank you for your comment.

SP137-4 Thank you for your comment.

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1 and when that boom goes bust and this whole thing
2 behemoth Liberty is proposing will be just like the
3 Seaside Park roller coaster Super Storm Sandy threw
4 into the sea. A huge and useless skeleton that must
5 then be dismantled and disposed of.

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6 The inherent danger of a major
7 disaster proposed facility impacting shore
8 communities can't be disregarded in this decision
9 making process. This facility would be a new and
10 desirable target for a terrorist attack and
11 resulting impacts on Jersey Shore travel and tourism
12 will have financial repercussions for the state
13 government. New Jersey has been robbing Peter to
14 pay Paul taking funds from every place possible to
15 shore up a bad budget balance sheet and the state
16 cannot afford to take chances with one of its
17 primary income generators, the Jersey Shore travel
18 and tourism.

19 New Jersey citizens are prepared to
20 fight against this ill conceded proposal until our
21 last breath. We will put our bodies physically in
22 the way of this if you allow this to proceed. Mark
23 my words we will not allow this facility to be
24 constructed even if the government chooses to defy
25 the will of those it represents.

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SP137-5 Thank you for your comment.

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SP138-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 Fracking, the method used in
2 Marcellus Shale where the gas resource has been
3 banned in the states of New York and Vermont because
4 it's environmentally unsound, unsafe and dangerous.
5 Potential negative impacts --

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6 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Thank you.
7 Your time is up. Thank you very much. Sid Madison?

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8 MR. MADISON: Thank you. I have a
9 short statement. What I'm going to do is read my
10 summary, which said, start with your headline, so my
11 summary for this thing was, corporations get the
12 upside and the public gets the downside and you
13 heard it all spoken many times tonight.
14 Corporations are going to get the upside for this
15 and every negative is going to be paid for us.
16 Sounds to me like the great rescission by banking
17 industry again. Thank you.

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18 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next is Amy
19 Goldsmith.
20 MS. GOLDSMITH: My name is Amy
21 Goldsmith. I'm state director of Clean Water Action
22 where we were founded in 1972. Our founding
23 president wrote the first Clean Water Act and we
24 helped make it pass. We have 175,000 members in the
25 state, 75,000 e-mail action subscribers that we

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1 activate every day as we knock on doors, talking to
 2 people and mobilizing people into action. New
 3 Jersey has a long history of being a front runner in
 4 environmental matters, including being the greatest
 5 and largest installer of solar in the United States,
 6 even surpassing California. New Jersey's Global
 7 Warming Response Act in 2007 designed to advance
 8 renewables, conservation, energy efficiency. This
 9 LNG facility does not fit this statutory direction.
 10 The governor vetoed, as was mentioned earlier, the
 11 LNG proposal in 2011 due to the Jersey economy and
 12 ecological risk. These concerns still stand.

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13 I chair the Coalition For Healthy
 14 Ports. We support the expansion of the port, as
 15 well as the raising of the Bayonne Bridge, but with
 16 the new generation of supersized Panamax ships,
 17 they're going to double our container size 20,000
 18 truck trips a day and the LNG facility is going to
 19 shut down and interrupt the port every time that LNG
 20 facility operates. That will make the port less
 21 competitive, making those jobs more at risk.

22 Having gone through earlier Coast
 23 Guard, EIS processes, we are, I know that challenges
 24 can occur. The federal courts, we're now in the
 25 federal courts challenging the Coast Guard about

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1 their facilities. The EIS process is supposed to
2 assess environmental protecting alternatives and
3 appropriate mitigation measures. This LNG proposal
4 does not. This proposal threatens our economy, our
5 employment, our ecological safety.

6 So, we, as Clean Water Action, we
7 therefore urge the agencies to take no action, deny
8 this project and that both governors veto it as well
9 as they have done before and Clean Water Action will
10 continue to mobilize its members through our
11 door-to-door canvas and other means to add their
12 voices to my three minutes here today. Thank you.

13 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next is
14 Christine O'Rourke.

15 MS. O'ROURKE: Hi, my name is

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16 Christine O'Rourke, O, apostrophe, capital
17 R-O-U-R-K-E. I'm a resident of Rumson, New Jersey
18 and the cofounder, along with several people here,
19 of a small grass roots organization Quench. I would

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20 like first to say I'm proud of my very small town
21 which introduced the resolution in opposition to
22 plans to build this and any other industrialized
23 fossil fuel facility such as the Port Ambrose LNG
24 terminal off our coastline and within what should be
25 the protected area of the clean ocean zone. I

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SP140-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 brought a copy of the June 10 resolution that the
2 town adopted.

3 There are several reasons for the,
4 to oppose this project, but in light of the research
5 from climate scientists from major institutions
6 around the globe, we point our destination of the
7 planet towards an irreversible course of warming. I
8 think this impact which must take priority in
9 considering Port Ambrose. I believe it is only by
10 giving serious thoughts to each of these local
11 project that we may find redemption.

12 The world meteorological
13 organization has reported that carbon dioxide
14 emissions have increased 42 percent over pre-
15 industrial times, while methane has increased 153
16 percent. Although methane has a shorter life span,
17 CO2 policies are based upon a belief that methane
18 has a warming potential 20 times more potent over
19 the life span. Yet, methane is also the greenhouse
20 gas whose life cycle emissions as it makes it's way
21 to the terminal in consideration are yet unknown.

22 Studies from the University of
23 Texas and other institutions found methanes escape
24 rates from natural gas sites and production
25 locations at level two times in excess of that

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1 suggested by our EPA. A German study found rates
2 seven times that of the agency. Methane emissions
3 are a large source of uncertainty and the life cycle
4 of LNG and as current estimates are likely
5 undervalued than the contributions, natural gas may
6 avoiding the internally agreed upon target of two
7 degrees of warming is also much smaller than that
8 which we are continually being told. The real key
9 is lowering demand.

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10 A report by the Environmental
11 Integrity Project finds that four LNG projects along
12 the gulf are responsible for 11.6 million tons of
13 greenhouse gases and the proposed Cove Point
14 terminal will produce an estimated 2 million tons
15 annually. Every year these plans relate to storage
16 facilities leak millions of tons of methane and yet
17 cap on the amounts of these types of emissions is
18 not regulated under the Clean Air Act while other
19 volatile, small poisoning chemicals do fall within
20 it's purview.

21 Another important point was made in
22 a study by the Carnegie Institute at the time that
23 1.6 degrees in our two degree target of warming can
24 be accounted for by the existing infrastructure
25 supporting our fossil fuel conception. Physical

SP140-3 See response to comment LA9-3.

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1 commitments to our energy structure which are
2 already in place. The scientists on this research
3 found the project such as the Fort Ambrose plan
4 which will be responsible as a source of the most
5 threatening emissions. It will be construction of
6 new projects yet to be built which will push us over
7 the two degree target.

8 I want to close with the finding of
9 another important piece of important scholarship
10 reported by researchers at MIT. Jessica Tranick and
11 her team were actually undervaluing the warming
12 potential of methane. Their models indicate that
13 methane may actually have a rate of warming more
14 than 30 times that of CO2. How does that calculate
15 into the impact project of this terminal have on
16 our --

17 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. That's your
18 time. Thank you. John Burke?

19 MR. BURKE: First of all, thanks
20 for the pay off for spending your time to listen to
21 our community on this from all sides. My name is
22 John Burke, B-U-R-K-E. I'm a professor of finance
23 in economics at Monmouth University and a resident
24 of our ocean community. And my headline is that I'd
25 just like to point out how, I understand this is an

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1 application for import only, and I'd just like to
2 point out how absurd that is. It clearly has to be
3 for export. I think your intent is to build the
4 infrastructure and once that's in place it's just a
5 matter of paperwork and application to switch it
6 over.

7 The US is the largest producer of
8 natural gas, not the US, but North America is the
9 largest producer of natural gas in the world, 29
10 trillion cubic feet. Our prices are the lowest in
11 the world. Today \$2.93 per million BTUs. That's
12 today. In Europe today, \$6.99 US dollars per BTU
13 and in Japan \$15.02 per BTU. Now, you tell me, I'm
14 an economics professor, but I think everyone here
15 understands import, where you going to buy it from
16 really. As Jennifer Beck pointed out, imports of
17 LNG this year in the country, zero. I'm not
18 surprised. Look at those numbers. It makes no
19 sense whatsoever. So, I think that's a thinly
20 veiled attempt. It's, frankly, an insult to the
21 Coast Guard, to the Maritime Association, to the
22 Army Corps of Engineers, to the labor unions in our
23 community. I'm really opposed and I hope you guys
24 see through that.

25 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Diane

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1 Beeny?

2 MS. BEENY: Hi, my name is Diane
 3 Beeny, that's spelled B-E-E-N-Y. As my mother says,
 4 like a bee in New York. I'm the chairman of the
 5 Union County Peace Council dedicated to peace,
 6 social justice and I'm a very passionate
 7 environmental advocate. Like I've testified against
 8 a number of what I view as cockamamy proposals and I
 9 see this as another one of them. And,
 10 unfortunately, I'm glad to say that a lot of them
 11 were defeated due to passionate involvement of
 12 people like these people here and I hope you will
 13 listen to our voices. Because we've, it's, we're
 14 here because we care very deeply and we care about
 15 our planet and we care about our environment locally
 16 and about all the inhabitants of that environment.

17 Earlier, this project, even at its
 18 optimum, even if it operates great will, according
 19 to perfect plan, it will still pollute. We know
 20 that. We all know that. We know that there will
 21 not be, it will not be benign and it will not be
 22 environmentally mitigated and it's, that it's, it
 23 will leave a footprint and we also know that there
 24 are, it's possible for horrible catastrophe. This
 25 is, you don't have to be an alarmist. You just have

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SP142-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 to be a realist to know in the most congested
2 shipping area, an area that is most congested part
3 of the planet, this is, with these giant tankers
4 coming in and out, it's fraught with, it's severe
5 dangers.

6 And also you talked about a lot of
7 the sciences involved. I'm sure there are many
8 people in those disciplines that would testify to
9 the dangers in those sciences, but one science you
10 didn't mention was ecology, which is a very valid
11 science. It's a science that takes a comprehensive
12 view of how all natural systems interact, about all
13 the impacts on that system, all the microorganisms,
14 all the larger organisms and any impacts in those
15 and how they only interrelate. And it's a very
16 delicate science and anything can throw that off.

17 And this is, this project, I mean,
18 these people that think it's so benign must think
19 that fossil fuel products are built by pixies, elves
20 and fairies. I mean, this is very significant. And
21 the other thing is, I believe very strongly the
22 precautionary principal, which is, basically, do no
23 harm. If you're going to do something you perceive
24 very cautiously and if you think it's going to have
25 a negative impact, you just don't do it. And the

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1 opposite to that, to me, is the whoops principal,
2 which is, whoops, we shouldn't have done that. And
3 that's what you see with Exxon Valdez. You see it
4 in the Deepwater Horizon and I do not want to see a
5 bigger catastrophe larger than that in our own
6 backyard. Thank you.

7 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. We're now
8 moving on to page seven. This is for everyone's
9 information, we go on to page eight and about half
10 of page nine. So, page seven begins with Richard
11 Jones and then there's David Pringle, Harriet
12 Shugarman, Megan Weatherby, Joyce Coront, Wana Chin,
13 Wendy Goetz, Enis Bengul, Kenneth Collins, Paul
14 Chowansky and Jenny Axelrod.

15 It begins with Richard Jones.

16 MR. JONES: Richard Jones,
17 J-O-N-E-S. I just want to start by saying that
18 someone left their Liberty Natural Gas hat. I
19 looked for a name on the label, but all it says is
20 Big X, hundred percent cotton, made in China.
21 That's how much they care about unions.

22 Thank you for conducting this
23 public hearing. I oppose vehemently this Fort
24 Ambrose LNG application. People have talked about
25 bait and switch. I'd like to talk about another

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SP143-1 1 scenario. Why do they want a site, this LNG
2 facility, in over a hundred feet of water, when the
3 largest LNG carrier is only dredged 40 feet? Even
4 if it was an FLNG, floating liquified natural gas
5 platform, like Shell's precluded, the world's largest
6 floating structure, they're only dredged about 60
7 feet. Well, just so happens that ultra large crude
8 carriers dredge about 80 to 90 feet. So, this might
9 be a trojan horse to facilitate super tankers coming
10 in the future. Does anybody want super tankers on
11 our shore?

SP143-2 12 I'd like to ask you not to give
13 exclusive rights to a public channel resource to a
14 private, opaque, foreign corporation. This
15 operation will require a safety zone that will
16 exclude access to an area that has traditionally
17 belonged to the public. We being the public.
18 Currently we have the right to fishing, recreate and
19 travel in this area. I don't want to relinquish
20 this right. The sea was meant for you and me, not
21 LNG.

SP143-3 22 LNG is an extremely hazardous
23 carbon and impose an unnecessary risk to the region.
24 Hypothetical scenario, 15 to 20 east wind, something
25 collides with the LNG carrier. This isn't beyond

SP143-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 reason. In 2002 a US nuclear tank submarine
2 Oklahoma City collided with the LNG carrier Norman
3 Lady in the straits of Gibraltar. Who could have
4 foreseen that? The only reason it wasn't a huge
5 disaster was the LNG carrier was empty and the
6 submarine's sail was the only thing that hit with
7 it. It collided with. So, but there are hundreds
8 of shift losses every year.

9 If one or more LNG tanks are
10 breached and open in sea water and a fire breaks out
11 and the ship abandoned, drifting towards shore there
12 is no safe way to approach because of its potential
13 for a explosion, boiling liquid expanding vapor
14 exploded. Look it up. You Tube that and you'll see
15 what, you know, imagine a ship going into a --

16 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Thank you.
17 David Pringle?

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18 MR. PRINGLE: Thank you. My name
19 is David Pringle. I'm very disappointed. I have to
20 say I'm very disappointment. I know you have a
21 tough job, but I think you did a disservice to John
22 Weber. You could have at least cracked a tiny bit
23 of a smile there.

24 I'm the campaign director for Clean
25 Water Action New Jersey. I'm also a Cranford dad

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1 who hopes the planet, my children, all of our
2 children inherits. It is burning up, because we
3 failed to listen to the scientists because too many
4 of us we're uninformed, ill informed or filled with
5 greed. Your actions on this project will determine
6 whether you fit any of those descriptions. Your
7 charge on Port Ambrose, I heard from your own
8 mouths, national security, energy, self-sufficiency,
9 economic capacity of Liberty Natural Gas, overall
10 public interest. All of my testimony is relevant to
11 that.

12 By all accounts, this is a no
13 brainer on these categories. You need to say no to
14 this dirty, dangerous project. It's the only
15 conclusion you can reach if you do the EIS
16 correctly, which you haven't to date as follows.

17 One, it's well documented these
18 Empire State Building sized tankers are terrorist
19 targets. The ports are only a few miles from the
20 Verazzano Bridge, a few miles more to downtown
21 Manhattan and Ground Zero and Freedom Tour, a couple
22 more to the midtown tunnels and the George
23 Washington Bridge.

24 Two, we don't need this in any way,
25 shape or form. There's more and more science coming

SP144-1 See response to SP5-2.

SP144-2 See response to SP80-4.

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1 out. There's a whole group of folks out of Stanford
2 and Cornell that are using existing technology with
3 no additional costs creating more jobs, meeting less
4 costs. We can be a hundred percent carbon and
5 nuclear free by 2050 with a state by state breakdown
6 as how we get there. On shore wind in the midwest,
7 high winds in Maine and solar in Arizona, offshore
8 wind in New Jersey and, yes, we're delayed a couple
9 years in offshore wind, but it's only, it's not a
10 matter of if, it's a when and it's coming soon.

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11 How is Liberty going to finance
12 this? There's no demand for the imports. You
13 really think you're going to say no when there's a
14 new facility and it asks to switch from export to
15 import? Please. Don't delude yourselves or us.

16 In terms of whether this is an
17 export or import facility, you are locking us in to
18 30 more years of greenhouse gas emissions, methane,
19 carbon dioxide. You can't have it both ways Obama
20 administration. You can't say you're fighting
21 climate change and say oil and gas, we need it all.
22 If you do export, there's a huge environmental cost.
23 It will cause fracking. There's huge costs of the
24 import in terms of increase for lines of foreign
25 sources of oil, all costs, and gas, all costs, from

SP144-3 See response to SP15-2. See response to SP23-8.

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1 the war on terror that's going on. Labor can't have
2 it one, both ways. One guy said, I care even if
3 it's just one job and another guy said it's not jobs
4 at any cost.

5 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Thank you.
6 Thank you. Thank you. Your time is up here. Thank
7 you very much.

8 Before the next speaker, I would
9 like to again direct my comments to the back of the
10 room. We're picking up a lot of back conversation
11 from back there. Please respect the speaker. If
12 you have other conversations, please take them
13 outside for a few minutes.

14 The next speaker is Harriet
15 Shugarman. Next is Meaghan Weatherby.

16 MS. WEATHERBY: Hi, my name is
17 Meaghan Weatherby and I am the volunteer coordinator
18 for the South Jersey Chapter of Surf Riders and this
19 is the first time I've ever made a public comment,
20 so I'm a little nervous, but I'm very excited.

21 Okay. So, let me start by saying
22 that Liberty Natural Gas, which is a subsidiary of
23 West Face or West Face Capital Hedge Fund claims
24 that the building of this pipeline will be
25 beneficial for our community. It says that hundreds

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1 of millions of jobs will be or hundreds of thousands
 2 of jobs will be created and millions and millions of
 3 dollars in energy savings will be afforded to our
 4 citizens at no taxpayer's expense at all. And I
 5 disagree with that and I would also like to contend
 6 that sustainable energy sources can also save
 7 taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars. And in
 8 2014 there was \$350 million saved by taxpayer money
 9 alone just by offshore wind energy sources. In
 10 Europe, over 55,000 jobs are created just by
 11 offshore wind. We can reduce the costs and create
 12 sustainable jobs using renewable natural energy
 13 sources and we do not need to burn anymore fossil
 14 fuels in order to live the life-style that we live.

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15 All of this natural gas comes from
 16 fracking, which I don't think anyone will disagree
 17 is incredibly detrimental to the earth. You know,
 18 you can spin it or advertise it however you want and
 19 certainly it burns cleaner than other fossil fuels,
 20 but it's a fossil fuel and it creates pollution and
 21 it's not renewable and eventually we will run out.
 22 So, to invest hundreds of millions of dollars into
 23 the infrastructure of creating more fossil fuel,
 24 burning energy sources just seems ridiculous to me.
 25 Not only does fracking pollute the

SP145-1 See response to SP58-3.

SP145-2 See response to SP137-5

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1 water sources underneath the places that are
2 fracked, but there's also a global water shortage
3 and we need to do as much as we can as a society to
4 protect the clean water that we have left. And we
5 all know that the Delaware Water Shed is a source of
6 water for 15 million New Jersey citizens and to put
7 that clean water source in danger is just morally
8 and socially and politically irresponsible. Because
9 the government is supposed to serve the people, not
10 the corporate interests. And, furthermore, a lot of
11 these proposed pipelines --

12 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Thank you.
13 Thank you. Your time is up. Thank you. Joyce
14 Grant?

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15 MS. GRANT: Joyce Grant, G-R-A-N-T,
16 the founder of Citizens For Oceanfront Preservation.
17 I oppose this Port Ambrose, because of all,
18 everything that has been said by this extremely
19 outstanding, awesome, committed community and I
20 thank them very much. So, I'm not going to repeat
21 anything like that.

22 What I would like to do is to
23 remind you that if we lose the sweetness of the
24 waters, we lose the life of the land. If we lose
25 the life of the land, we lose the majesty of the

SP145-3 Thank you for your comment.

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1 forest and the food we eat. If we lose the majesty
2 of the forest and natural areas, we lose the purity
3 of the air. If we lose the purity of the air, we
4 lose the creatures of the earth. Not just for
5 ourselves, but for our children, both now and in the
6 future. The protection and the maintenance of our
7 public lands and our public spaces is our common
8 inheritance. For all peoples it is our collective
9 responsibility. Thank you.

SP146-1 Thank you for your comment.

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10 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Wanna Chin?

11 MS. CHIN: Hello, my name is Wanna
12 Chin, C-H-I-N. We live on a precious planet. And
13 it's only been recently with the advent of cheap
14 fossil fuels that things have changed from where we
15 used to live very closely with the land, lightly,
16 where things were healthy, the clean, the air and
17 the water and the land was clean and with the advent
18 of the fossil fuels we've seen this incredible
19 increase in population and pollution.

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20 So, while we live on this very
21 precious planet, we also live in a very insane world
22 where people are engaged in harmful acts against
23 this planet and against its inhabitants, because
24 some people are more interested in money and power
25 than anything else. This has to stop now. If we

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SP147-1 1 want to have a future, we need to stop hurting the
2 planet. We, the people, have spoken. We, the
3 people, no longer believe in the lies. We say no
4 and it's up to you to make the right choice, to find
5 the wisdom and the courage to make the right
6 decision and the right choice is to reject this
7 application and move towards safe, renewable energy.
8 Thank you.

9 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Wendy
10 Goetz?

11 MS. GOETZ: That was amazing. I
SP148 12 applaud you. My name is Wendy Goetz, G-O-E-T-Z.
13 I'm reminded of going to Washington, DC and I would
14 like to first say reject the LNG and Port Ambrose
15 and protect your children, my children, all of our
16 children, the New Jersey waters, the New Jersey
17 land, the New York waters, the New York land, our
18 economy and everything else everyone here has spoken
19 of.

20 17 comments for, 24,000 against.
SP148-1 21 That pretty much says reject. We would prefer to
22 protect ourselves with forward thinking and
23 renewable, reliable and safe environments and
24 practices. We want to build, not blow up. I know
25 people have spoken to the unknown financial

SP147-1 Thank you for your comment.

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SP148-1 See response to SP64-3.

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1 interests. I would like to agree with a possibility
2 of a bait and switch, but I'd also like to present
3 another possibility.

4 We have heard of rumors of this gas
5 being imported from Trinidad. I would like all of
6 us to look at recent current history and watch our
7 wars, who we have gone to war with. Is this gas
8 really coming from Trinidad? Is it going to be
9 imported from Syria, Pakistan, Afghanistan, India,
10 because the imperialistic colonialism run by an
11 oligarchic world is concurring all the other
12 countries, their gas resources, oil resources only
13 to bring more here to an already saturated market?
14 Because if it's not a bait and switch, then that is
15 what it is. Endangering ourselves, creating more
16 terrorists, more terrorism, as well as creating a
17 target for that terrorism.

18 It is the Coast Guard's job to be
19 out there and protect the people and protect the
20 water and safeguard the water. It is the Army Corps
21 of Engineer's job to build and engineer a safe,
22 reliable world and environment. This lady asked you
23 most importantly to have the courage to reject this
24 project. Thank you very much.

25 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Enis

SP148-2 See response to FA4-2 for a discussion of purpose and need, and peak demand.

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1 Bengul?

2 MR. BENGUL: Hi, my name is **Enis**

SP149 3 **Bengul**, B-E-N-G-U-L. I live in Long Branch.

4 Liquefied natural gas costs a lot of money, first to
5 liquify and then to pressurize. And then you
6 transport it and now, then you have to revert it
7 back to its natural form so that you can sell it.

SP149-1 8 We have huge amounts of natural gas already right
9 next door to us in Pennsylvania. We can just build
10 a pipeline if we wanted more natural gas and
11 transport it very cheaply without needing to liquify
12 it, without needing to pressurize it and then revert
13 it back to its form by its intended use. It just
14 doesn't make sense. It is disingenuous for
15 government agencies to present it to us and
16 reiterate this is not an export facility, who are
17 you kidding. Are you joking?

18 The Army Corps, Maritime and Coast
19 Guard have, should have rejected this proposal
20 outright. The public has already spoken on natural
21 gas issue. They have expressed enormous rejection
22 to natural gas project. You're wasting public's
23 time and energy, as well as your time and energy
24 pushing this. Approving this project would be an
25 opening act to turning Jersey Shore into Louisiana

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1 gulf coast, which is the horrible state that it's
2 in.

3 I urge union members to come with
4 us to Trenton to ask Christie to stop stalling
5 offshore wind project. He is why we don't have
6 offshore wind power now. If they align with us and
7 got him to move on this issue, we would have local
8 clean energy that we can use indefinitely. Thank
9 you for your time.

10 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next is
11 Paul Chowansky?

12 MR. CHOWANSKY: My name is Paul
13 Chowansky. That's spelled C-H-O-W-A-N-S-K-Y. I am
14 a proud member of the Operating Engineers Local 825,
15 Springfield, New Jersey. I would like to, at first,
16 speak a little from the heart and I have a very
17 short statement, but by trade I'm a crane operator.

18 I'm a graduate of Moravian College
19 in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. I have a business and
20 economics degree and a core in accounting. I am
21 doing what I, as a child, wanted to do all my life.
22 I'm a crane operator. I build a better America. I
23 also build, and that comes with building a better
24 New Jersey. I build bridges to alleviate traffic.
25 I build train stations. I've helped build light

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1 rail stations. I've built pharmaceutical facilities
2 and I can go on and on about what I've done.

3 I just want to say that this is
4 what I do and by doing this, I have two daughters
5 I'm very proud of. One who has a doctorate in
6 physical therapy and was just made a senior
7 therapist up in New York City at a major hospital
8 and I also have a doctor, I mean, I also have a
9 daughter who is a CPA and she is, she just became a
10 partner of her firm last January, a year from today.
11 This came about by what I did and I'm passionate
12 about what I do as an operating engineer.

13 I run large cranes. It's dangerous
14 work, but I think the results speak for themselves.
15 Whether it's for Merck Pharmaceuticals, New Jersey
16 Transit, Amtrak, we clean up HAZMAT sites. So, I
17 just wanted to get that off my chest before I read
18 my prepared statement.

SP150-1 19 I support this project, because it
20 will help create needed construction jobs. Also,
SP150-2 21 this infrastructure, infrastructure project will be
22 a safety, safe and reliable source of natural gas
23 for our area, particularly in the cold winter months
24 like today. Thank you very much. I'm going to put
25 on my Chinese made cap, but it's an American crane

SP150-1 See response to SP117-1.

SP150-2 Thank you for your comment.

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1 that I'm advertising. Thank you.
 2 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Jenny
 3 Axelrod?
 4 MS. AXELROD: A-X-E-L-R-O-D.
 5 First, I'd like to thank the members of the Maritime
 6 and Coastal Guard. I know that, contrary to some
 7 statements that are being made about you, that
 8 you're here to hear and gather information. You're
 9 not taking sides and I want to recognize that.
 10 I also wish to recognize the fact
 11 that there have been a tremendous amount of superb
 12 speakers here today, which gave me a renewed sense
 13 of decency and trust in the American system of
 14 democracy. It's at times like this it has to be
 15 renewed and reassured, because we tend to think or
 16 at least I tend to think that we're being bought,
 17 our democracy is being bought. Even our politicians
 18 have abandoned ship and gone to other states on
 19 other business when we have so much to do in this
 20 state.
 21 With regard to this, I terribly
 22 oppose this particular project, because I grew up
 23 with merchant marine man father. We ran our house
 24 ship shape. It was look you in the eye, extend your
 25 hand and speak the truth. And we don't know who

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1 we're speaking with. This whole industry, not even
 2 the Port Ambrose industry, but this entire industry
 3 has been shrouded in secrecy from the beginning of
 4 the Haliburn loop hole. By passing the Clean Air
 5 Water Act we all have to observe, as Americans, all
 6 sorts of secret happy designs that do not disclose
 7 what is in these fracking things. Threatening our
 8 water supplies, threatening our natural preserves,
 9 our farm lands and are snaking pipelines through our
 10 areas. This is a bulls eye for terrorism. The fact
 11 that this is one of the busiest ports that plow the
 12 Atlantic coastline and the consequences are so dire,
 13 they cannot only effect New Jersey and New York, but
 14 the entire eastern seaboard.

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15 I look to you all as protectors. I
 16 trust you, as I trust law enforcement. I respect
 17 you and I thank you for your service. I hope that
 18 with all the gathering you're going to come to a
 19 decent, proper decision. Thank you very much for
 20 everything.

21 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Now, moving
 22 on to page eight, which begins with Frank Corrado,
 23 then Lindsay McNamara, Larry Fulman, Mike Golob,
 24 Lynn Schambach, Bill Simmons, Klaus Rutenback,
 25 Scott Thompson, Tyler Thompson, and Raven Petosky.

SP151-1 Thank you for your comment.

SP151-2 See response to SP5-2.

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1 Frank Corrado is first.
 2 MR. CORRADO: Hello, Frank Corrado,
 3 C-O-R-R-A-D-O, and I want to talk today about how
 4 this is a bad investment. I'm a financial planner
 5 by trade and I look at investments on a daily basis.
 6 This is a bad investment. I contend that, as
 7 government officials, you have to look at investment
 8 opportunities on a long-term basis. What is a
 9 long-term basis? Well, for individuals like you and
 10 I, long-term basis might be ten or twenty years.
 11 But, what about for society? What's probably a
 12 generation at least, right, 80 years. Someone born
 13 today, what's their long-term horizon, 80 years from
 14 now. 80 years from now are we going to be looking
 15 back and saying, wow, I'm glad we continued the
 16 greenhouse gas emitting means? Are we going to
 17 invest now in long-term strategies, renewable
 18 alternative energy? Is the time horizon even going
 19 to be considered on this?

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20 A lot is said about the greatest
 21 generation; right? Back in the twenties and the
 22 thirties, the sacrifices that they made for America.
 23 Is it possible for us today to make the same
 24 sacrifices going forward, not taking a look at the
 25 short-term impact, filling a few's pockets with

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SP152-1 See response to SP88-1.

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1 short-term money?

2 Let's take a look at the long-term
3 impact and what this project proposes. I urge you
4 to deny this now, deny it forever. Thank you.

5 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Lindsay
6 McNamara?

7 MS. McNAMARA: Hello, my name is

SP153 8 Lindsay McNamara. I'll be short and sweet. As a
9 resident of the coastal town of Sea Bright, New
10 Jersey and a 20 something environmentalist, I'm
SP153-1 11 adamantly opposed to Port Ambrose. LNG is risky,
12 threatens our viable coastal economy and also
13 endangers our thriving marine life. Humpback whale
14 sightings near New York City have recently increased
15 dramatically and our state's osprey population is
16 continuing to grow. Are these signs of progress in
17 a clean ocean things that we want to overturn? My
18 message is simple. The New Jersey I want for my
19 kids has no room for Port Ambrose. Thank you.

20 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Larry
21 Furman?

SP154 22 MR. FURMAN: Hi. My name is Larry
23 Furman, F-U-R-M-A-N. I cofounded Popular Logistics
24 in 2007 and I write for Seeking Alpha. And
25 sometimes I think about computer security. Now, a

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SP154-1 1 speaker said it's far away. Fukushima and the
 2 Deepwater Horizon were far away, but they proved
 3 that an accident far away can be a disaster at home.
 4 Another speaker said the owners are secret. It's a
 5 private, opaque, foreign corporation. I imagine
 6 it's beyond the reach of the FBI. And we don't know
 7 what their real agenda is and that's a really
 8 interesting problem. I mean, it's an import
 9 facility. Are the Saudi's behind it? You know, the
 10 Saudi's were behind September 11, maybe not the
 11 king, but Mr. Bin Laden was a Saudi. And remember
 12 that movie from the '60s, Soil and Dream, to serve
 13 man, it's a cook book.

14 I'm a Democrat. I don't often
 SP154-2 15 agree with Governor Christie, but in 2011 he said
 16 offshore liquid natural gas poses unacceptable risks
 17 to the state's residents natural resources, economy
 18 and security. He was right to veto the project in
 19 2011 and if it was a bad idea then, it's a bad idea
 20 today. We're still recovering from Sandy. We need
 21 to build an energy infrastructure that mitigates
 22 climate change, not one that makes it worse. Solar
 SP154-3 23 wind, geothermal and hydro don't burn fuel so they
 24 don't create waste in their ongoing operations.
 25 They're safe, distributed and, like the internet,

SP154-1 See response to SP5-2.

SP154-2 Thank you for your comment.

SP154-3 Thank you for your comment.

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1 resilient.

2 So, 80 years from now there will be
3 a ribbon of wind turbines and factories will have
4 solar. We need to, we should have started building
5 it 20 years ago or ten, but we need to do it today.
6 Thank you.

7 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Mike Golub?

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8 MR. GOLUB: Good evening. My name
9 is Michael Golub and I'm here to speak out in
10 opposition to Port Ambrose facility as proposed
11 being built. I guess my headline would be,
12 approving this project would be like paying the
13 cannibals to eat you last.

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14 As a domestic producer of natural
15 gas and oil, which I am, I can actually say with
16 supreme confidence the proposed LNG facility
17 referred to as Port Ambrose is a hundred percent
18 undoubtedly and without fail going to be used almost
19 entirely, if not exclusively, for the export of
20 natural gas. Additionally, I can also state with
21 immense pride by my own wavering and devoted
22 allegiance and support for the efforts of Clean
23 Ocean Action and these other organizations to keep
24 this type of commercial activity away from our
25 fragile Jersey coast. I do support America's energy

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1 independence through the increased production of
2 domestic natural gas and oil, yes, I do, but I also
3 recognize that most oil and gas are bridge fuels to
4 an even better and brighter day when we will
5 predominantly, primarily generate energy through the
6 means of solar and wind and geothermal or a better
7 technology. A simple Google search will reveal the
8 empirical truth that for far too many of the prime
9 and most covered leases within our best regions
10 being pursued for oil and gas, exploration
11 throughout the United States are owned by publically
12 traded multinational conglomerate corporations and
13 those same interests are hard at work in advancing
14 this mythical tale that the facility will actively
15 and profitably import foreign natural gas and
16 liquify it for our own consumption.

17 It is my belief that once the
18 applicant receives final approval for, from
19 regulators and legislators to commence construction
20 operations and then ultimately establish commercial
21 activities, they will most probably announce that
22 they wish to reverse the process and export our
23 sources of natural gas overseas. Natural gas is our
24 only last effort at any remote possibility to devise
25 a sound, natural energy policy and reestablishing

SP155-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 our national security in terms of fuel supply and
2 global political economic leverage. Domestic
3 production of natural gas and oil are the only true
4 hope we have that both solar and wind, all those
5 other forms of renewable technologies, will be one
6 day be able to perform efficiently, profitably and
7 eventually without costly government subsidies.

8 The US private sector is the only
9 means by which the transformation can successfully
10 occur allowing foreign interests to hijack our
11 energy future through shady transactions and play
12 pretend business will only lengthen the time that we
13 rely on fossil fuels source for energy generation
14 ultimately delay in time that we can together
15 elevate the importance, magnify the significance,
16 amplify the volume of the distinct and yet faint
17 voice of mother nature. Building this facility off
18 the Jersey Shore is exactly, like I said, like
19 paying the cannibals to eat you last. Far too much
20 risk and danger and on the downside with not enough
21 potential on the upside. Port Ambrose, thank you,
22 but no thank you. Thank you.

23 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next was

SP156 24 Lynn Schambach.

25 MS. SCHAMBACH: My name Lynn

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1 Schambach, S-C-H-A-M-B-A-C-H. I live in Brielle. I
2 attended the July 10, 2013 open house in Edison and
3 I requested and received the draft EIS on a disk.
4 Thank you very much for that. And thank you for
5 extending the public comment period to March 16.

6 I read the draft, I read that the
7 draft EIS assessed the potential environmental
8 impact associated with the Port Ambrose project.
9 The affected environmental resources which may be
10 threatened include socioeconomics and public safety.

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11 I found this Environmental Impact Statement to be
12 lacking and negligent regarding risk assessment for
13 facility and tanker and pipeline destruction due to
14 climate change impact as they relate to sea rise,
15 more frequent and intense hurricanes, winter storms,
16 flooding and storm surges. Additionally, economic
17 risks as they relate to climate change impact due to
18 the continued reliance on fossil fuels must be
19 assessed.

20 My comments are supported by three
21 studies. The Risky Business project published in
22 2013, the National Climate Assessment published in
23 May of 2014 and the Climate Change 2014 Synthesis
24 report. The Risky Business project focused on
25 quantifying and publicizing the economic risks from

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1 the impacts of change in climate. It uncovered that
2 the clearest and most economically significant of
3 economic risks includes damage to coastal property
4 and infrastructure from rising sea levels and
5 increased storm surge.

6 In the May 2014 National Climate
7 Assessment, which summarizes the impacts of climate
8 change on the United States now and in the future,
9 the report was produced by a team of more than 300
10 experts guided by a 60 member federal advisory
11 committee. It was extensively reviewed by the
12 public and experts, including federal agencies and a
13 panel of the National Academy of Sciences. The
14 report documents advances in climate science over
15 recent decades. Data records have grown longer and
16 climate models have become more comprehensive.
17 Earlier projections have been largely confirmed.
18 Sea level rises and the decline of arctic sea ice,
19 however, outpace earlier projections. Observations
20 unequivocally show climate is changing and warming
21 over the past 50 years and is primarily due to human
22 induced emissions of heat trapping gases. The
23 report states that what is new over the last decade
24 is the knowledge with increasing certainty that
25 climate change is happening now.

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1 The Intergovernmental Panel on
2 Climate Change established in 1988 released a
3 Climate Change 2014 Synthesis Report this past
4 November. The panel is made up of 195 member
5 governments. It was approved line by line by the
6 panel stating unequivocally that human influence on
7 the climate system is clear. Recent climate change
8 have had widespread impacts on human and natural
9 systems and emissions of CO2 from fossil fuel and
10 combustion and industrial processes --

11 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Thank you.
12 Time is up. Thank you. Bill Simmons?

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13 MR. SIMMONS: Hi, I'm Bill Simmons,
14 S-I-M-M-O-N-S, for the League of Woman Voters From
15 Monmouth County. The league doesn't feel that the
16 need for this facility has been justified. Two LNG
17 import facilities in Boston Harbor have been idle
18 for years and one of them has been closed. Import
19 facilities in the United States are now seeking
20 permission to export. Why would you import
21 expensive LNG from Magnolia and the gulf or
22 elsewhere to the New York area when domestic gas
23 already feeds into our area at inexpensive prices?

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24 We strongly support a speedy
25 transition to renewable energy to reduce greenhouse

SP156-2 Thank you for your comment.

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SP157-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 gases produced by burning fossil fuels. Instead,
2 Port Ambrose would pose complications and safety
3 issues for a wind farm intended for this area.
4 Liquifying and transporting natural gas uses great
5 amounts of energy, puts more methane into the
6 atmosphere and accelerates climate change and rising
7 in sea levels. These already threaten our county
8 and shore economy which relies on tourist beaches,
9 commercial and recreational fishing, whale watching
10 and other business associated with the shore.

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11 New York harbor is the largest port
12 on the eastern seaboard. Why would we place
13 security risk between two of its main shipping
14 channels? This project will cause a nine to 12
15 month slow down of shipping traffic as channels are
16 closed while the pipeline is laid. Further, should
17 an accident occur despite the one mile exclusions
18 zone for all other shipping and adjacent channels
19 could be impacted. Being so near JFK increases the
20 possibility that a terrorist could strike by plane.

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21 How do you know that Liberty
22 Natural Gas and the Coast Guard will be able to
23 provide for adequate safety under all circumstances?
24 The Coast Guard is responsible for security at Port
25 Ambrose and we all pay taxes to support this, but

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SP157-4 Thank you for your comment.

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1 recent articles indicate their fleet is in bad
2 repair and they need faster ships they can't afford
3 to buy.

4 The DEIS indicates any incident
5 occurring at the proposed project would rely on
6 emergency procedures outlined in the Deepwater Port
7 Operations Manual, but there is no link to a
8 redacted version for the public to review. They
9 also rely on implementing current, daily safety
10 standards for unintentional spills for terrorist
11 protection. It's disserving that operation would
12 use approvals that would increase safety won't be
13 completed until after the application is approved.
14 They should occur before any approvals are given not
15 after.

16 We urge you to deny this
17 application and for Governor Christie to veto it
18 again. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

19 MR. OLSEN: Okay. Klaus
20 Rittenbach?

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21 MR. RITTENBACH: Hi. My name is
22 Klaus Rittenbach, K-L-A-U-S, R-I-T-T-E-N-B-A-C-H.
23 I'm a retired engineer. I worked for the Department
24 of Defense for 32 years and I'm here to tell you
25 that the LNG terminal is a potential national

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1 security disaster and I'm strongly opposed to it,
2 An LNG terminal is a prime target
3 for terrorists. We seem to have forgotten about
4 9/11. We seem to have forgotten about the attack on
5 the USS *Coal*. Any of you remember about that? I'm
6 quoting here from the reports, one from the US
7 Department of Energy and one from the Council on
8 Foreign Relations. Quote, because of LNG's highly
9 explosive potential, al-Qaeda and other terrorist
10 groups have specifically cited LNG terminals and LNG
11 boats as desirable targets. An attack on an LNG
12 terminal could result in a massive fire that could
13 kill large numbers of people. A report by Good
14 Harbor Consulting concluded that a successful
15 terrorist attack on an LNG tanker could result in as
16 many as 8,000 deaths and upwards of 20,000 injuries.
17 Remember, 9/11 only resulted in 3,000 deaths. So, I
18 ask you, do you want to be responsible for 8,000
19 deaths.

20 Another scenario in the report
21 involves terrorists taking control of an LNG tanker,
22 sailing to a major population center like New York
23 City and detonating the cargo. Because of the low
24 cost and high impact a USS *Coal* style attack remains
25 an important security concern for defense planners.

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The Good Harbor Consulting report also stated that an LNG import terminal could be sighted in a location that wasn't in close proximity to either an urban environment for the facility nor required an inland waterway transit for the LNG tanker. Locating the facility in a nonurban environment and eliminating the inland waterway transit would significantly reduce both the attractiveness to terrorists of an attack (because the attack would not generate large scale casualties) and the consequence management and recovery burdens on government should an attack occur. The proposed Port Ambrose deepwater port would be built in open offshore water approximately 16.1 nautical miles off Jones Beach, NY

SP158-1 (cont) 1 It's not a difficult thing to do if you're
2 determined to do it, the report says. It doesn't
3 require trained experts to evade the Coast Guard.
4 The time to detect and intercept a rapidly moving
5 small boat in a harbor could be as little as two to
6 three minutes. Suicide, a fast boat loaded with
7 explosives and suicide bombers is likely to evade
8 most small Coast Guard patrol crafts, which were
9 designed primarily for safety patrols. They were
10 not designed for our combat.

SP158-2 11 Plus, the Coast Guard is very
12 underfunded. Here's some quotes from the USGAO
13 report, Conditions of the vessels at the Coast
14 Guard are poor and declining. The legacy fleet is
15 in poor condition and continues to deteriorate.
16 Delays in the delivery of the replacement vessels
17 will lead to increasingly greater operational
18 shortfalls until they get replacement vessels which
19 will not be until 2034.

20 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Thank you.

SP159 21 Your time is up. Next is Scott Thompson.

22 MR. THOMPSON: Good evening and
23 thank you for the opportunity to speak. My headline
24 is no B COZ. COZ is capital C, capital O, capital
25 Z. I come as a local citizen from the Shrewsbury

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1 peninsula watershed area here in Monmouth County.
 2 I'm a man, a husband, a father, a grandfather, a
 3 recent grandfather and an advocate for the local
 4 ocean community. I also speak on behalf of the
 5 participants patallow.org, a small group of local
 6 watermen who are willing to stand up to protect and
 7 preserve the local ocean environment. We live
 8 locally, work locally and participate in a wide
 9 variety of related activities that all are impacted
 10 by the ocean.

11 The proposal to build an LNG
 12 facility off the coast benefits few and harms many.
 13 The safe, clean ocean anywhere in the world benefits
 14 those at the greatest variety of levels. That's
 15 certainly no different here in the New York, New
 16 Jersey area. People love the beach, primarily in
 17 the summertime, whether boating, fishing, swimming
 18 or surfing. However, folks like me, and there are
 19 many, enjoy the cleanliness and safety of a clean
 20 ocean all year round. More whales and turtles were
 21 seen this year than ever before.

22 Super Storm Sandy changed our
 23 perspective on how quickly things move and how
 24 mother nature is really in control. Local weather
 25 and movie data indicate that the wave size at the

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SP159-1 See response to SP135-1.

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SP159-2 See response to SP5-2.

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1 regionals offshore buoys off Sandy were 31 feet. 31
2 feet. The scientists are forecasting greater
3 catastrophic storms as we look forward. Most recent
4 history, as well as past history, of ship wrecks off
5 our coast demonstrate the potential and the
6 probability of further damage.

7 An industrialized ocean that is
8 unsafe, polluting and questionable and its overall
9 value to the economy does not make sense. The risks
10 are way too high. The rewards will be in
11 short-term. The current volatility in fossil fuel
12 markets show that this project is a joke. Current
13 facilities designed in similar manner around the
14 country sit idle, because they do not make economic
15 sense. I urge you to contact your local and state
16 and federal government officials to support the
17 current legislation that creates the clean ocean
18 zone. This zone will create an industrial free New
19 York bight and will stop this unwarranted
20 industrialization of our local oceans once and for
21 all. Support the COZ. Thank you.

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22 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Next is
23 Tyler Thompson. Tyler Thompson? Raven Potosky? Is
24 there a Raven Potosky? Page nine. Page nine begins
25 with Lauren Townsend, then Amanda Wheeler, Dan

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1 Leyes, Carole Balmer, Erin O'Neill, Joe Robertson
2 Kathleen Gasienica and Tim Burden.

3 MS. TOWNSEND: Good evening. My
4 name is Lauren Townsend, T-O-W-N-S-E-N-D. I live in
5 Bradley Beach. I grew up on the Long Island shore.
6 I live on the Jersey shore and I care about both
7 those shores tremendously.

8 Before I tell you why I'm opposed
9 to Port Ambrose, I'd like to, hot off the press,
10 tell you that I'm one of four members of the Bradley
11 Beach Environmental Commission. Each of us are
12 opposed to Port Ambrose and last time around Bradley
13 Beach came out in opposition to this proposal and I
14 suspect it will happen again.

15 A few other hot off the press items
16 that got texted in this evening. One is that the
17 statewide New Jersey Outdoor Alliance, an
18 organization of anglers, hunters, trappers and
19 conservationists is, quote, totally against any LNG
20 facility off our shore. Also, hot off the press,
21 Seaside Park, the mayor and council this evening
22 passed a resolution in opposition to Port Ambrose.
23 Will send their, a resolution to all municipalities
24 in Ocean County, as well as the governor. So that
25 is hot off the press. More organizations influenced

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1 in opposition to this very dangerous, nasty, dirty
2 Port Ambrose.

3 Everybody's said everything that I
4 care about tonight, but I will say that I am the
5 daughter of a union member, the sister of a boat
6 builder and dock builder, I am the niece of a
7 commercial fisherman and I care, I grew up on the
8 water and I care about the ocean tremendously.
9 Everything I care about tonight, but I want to say
10 two things that worry me the most and that is the
11 digging up of the ocean floor and the disturbance of
12 marine life along both state's coasts and the
13 mechanization. The scariest movie I think I've ever
14 seen was a PBS special, those educational shows can
15 be very scary, and it was alerting all about the
16 containerization movement and how the
17 containerization of ships have made for the
18 mechanization of oceans going across the globe. And
19 the speed the boats that these ocean liners go in
20 and out of New York harbor is frightening to think
21 about this big monstrosity being in the middle of
22 it. That's frightening and I urge you to just put
23 the kibosh on this and do a public works project and
24 build, as Tim Dillingham said, roads, public
25 transportation, fix our public infrastructure.

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SP160-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 Thank you.

2 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Amanda
3 Wheeler.

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4 MS. WHEELER: Hello. Amanda
5 Wheeler, W-H-E-E-L-E-R, and I'm one of the members
6 of the Bradley Beach Environmental Commission of
7 which Lauren spoke last. And I guess I just wanted
8 to agree with everything that everybody else has
9 said, but there was one thing that I heard tonight
10 that struck me as interesting and that was someone
11 speaking in support of the project who mentioned
12 that you wouldn't even be able to see anything out
13 there. And when I sit on the beach and I look out
14 there and having lived in this area for a long time,
15 most of my adult life, and being an environmentalist
16 and an activist I often sit on the beach and look
17 out there and think about what's out there and if
18 people could only see what was going on under there
19 I think people would feel differently. And if we
20 could see all the fish swimming and if we could see
21 all the whales frolicking, I think we would feel
22 differently about what's under there and how we
23 treat what's under there. And it's not what you can
24 see that bothers you. Sometimes it's what you can't
25 see.

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SP161-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 So, I would speak in opposition to
2 this project and hope you would take that into
3 consideration. Thank you.

4 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Dan Leyes?

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5 MR. LEYES: Hi, I'm Dan Leyes,
6 L-E-Y-E-S, and I just wanted to go on record, I
7 don't have a long speech or anything, as being in
8 opposition to this project, quite honestly, because
9 it scares the crap out of me. The potential for
10 this to become a terrorist target is unthinkable.
11 The outcome of that, I just don't even want to
12 ponder. And the environmental problems have been
13 well documented tonight. I won't dwell on that.

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14 But, I am also a member of the
15 Bradley Beach Environmental Commission, so my, the
16 environment matters a lot to me. I devote a lot of
17 time to it and I would just encourage you,
18 everything you have heard tonight, everything makes
19 it so clear that this is a no brainer. This project
20 does not belong off the New Jersey coast. Thank you
21 for your time.

22 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Carole

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23 Balmer?

24 MS. BALMER: Hi, Carole Balmer.

25 I'm a Holmdel resident. I'm also a former elected

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1 official, township committee member and deputy
2 mayor. I was also the environmental commission
3 chair, planning board and zoning board. And when I
4 was serving on these bodies, we never had an
5 application come before us that did not have full
6 disclosure of who the applicant was. I'm very
7 concerned about this. I don't understand how the
8 application process can go forward without knowing
9 who the applicant is, without knowing the financial
10 disclosures, without knowing exactly what the
11 motivation is and the goals are of the applicant.
12 That's my first concern.

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13 My second concern is the way, the
14 process of this meeting. It was advertised in the
15 Federal Register as a meeting. Many people think
16 it's a hearing. I think there is a distinct
17 difference between a meeting and a hearing. I think
18 the public should be made aware of exactly what
19 standing their comments have from a legal
20 standpoint, if this is actually a hearing or a
21 meeting.

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22 My other concern is this, I think,
23 1,800 page document for the EIS, obviously totally
24 insufficient time between the EIS being published
25 and also the comment period. So, my concern here is

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SP163-1 See response to SP12-1.

SP163-2 As discussed in Section 1.3 of the final EIS, the USCG and MARAD held public meetings in Jamaica, New York on Wednesday, January 7, 2015 and Eatontown, New Jersey on Thursday, January 8, 2015. Both public meetings were preceded by an informational open house. The public meetings were attended by 624 recorded individuals (New York: 224, New Jersey: 400). At the Jamaica, New York meeting, 87 individuals provided oral comments while 89 individuals provided oral comments at the Eatontown, New Jersey meeting. The final EIS has been revised to address comments received during these meetings as well as comments submitted to the USCG Project docket, as needed.

SP163-3 Thank you for your comment.

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1 that when the full EIS comes out, not the draft, but
2 the full EIS, that the public have an opportunity to
3 comment in a fair and equitable manner at a
4 convenient location, place and time throughout the

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5 state. There are only two meetings, I believe, one
6 in New York and one in New Jersey, and not
7 everybody, this affects everyone in New York and New
8 Jersey in this metropolitan area. Everyone should
9 have an opportunity to comment, including the
10 municipalities, who I don't think have had a fair
11 public notice. Bradley Beach and Rumson had passed
12 resolutions. I think if every municipality in New
13 Jersey that has a pipeline running under it was
14 fairly noticed on this meeting or should be hearing,
15 they would be passing resolutions in opposition as
16 well. I think Murphy's Law will apply. I think

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17 something will go wrong and when it can go wrong and
18 I urge you to vote no on this and totally throw it
19 out. Thank you.

20 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Erin
21 O'Neill? Joe Robertson?

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22 MR. ROBERTSON: Hi, my name is Joe
23 Robertson. I work with Citizen's Climate Lobby.
24 It's a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization. We work
25 to ensure that citizens are the ones who advise

SP163-3 (con't)

SP163-4 Thank you for your comment.

SP163-5 See response to SP5-2.

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1 their own elected officials. We have more than
2 11,000 volunteer across the US. We're working to
3 make sure our democracy is a democracy. I want to
4 thank you all for being here. It's not always easy,
5 but it's important to hear from the people. I'm
6 here as a private citizen tonight. I'm a local
7 resident. I was born and raised here.

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8 There is no economic reason for
9 Monmouth County, the State of New Jersey or the
10 Federal government to support this project. We
11 don't need natural gas. We don't need to import
12 natural gas. We already have more than we need.
13 Vladimir Putin last month complained that the
14 dependence on oil and gas was crippling the Russian
15 economy. Everyone wants economic benefits and new
16 jobs. This project may actually limit the long-term
17 jobs available to the union workers who are here
18 with us tonight due to its financial and structural
19 makeup. The claim of economic benefits is an
20 illusion. Our entire economy is under rapidly
21 mounting pressure from climate destruction and
22 ecological breakdown. Disaster response costs food
23 and water and security and direct and indirect
24 impacts to human health are already imposing costs
25 far in excess of the negligible economic benefits of

SP164-1 See response to SP23-4.

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1 this project.

2 The quadrennial defense review
3 identifies climate changes as a threat multiplier.
4 It makes dangerous things worse, including
5 terrorists. Department of Defense identifies
6 climate change the single most severe threat to
7 international peace and security in this century.
8 These costs and threats undermine our sovereignty
9 and our liberty. We should be reducing our
10 consumption of carbon based fuels. We should not be
11 exporting them. Doing so exacerbates this worsening
12 global crisis and undermines our energy
13 independence.

14 This project favors short-term
15 economic gain for one corporation at the expense of
16 the long-term quality of life, health and liberty of
17 the people of the State of New Jersey. We need to
18 be building the energy economy of the future, not
19 going out of our way to make ourselves beholding to
20 foreign interests whose activities have a
21 destabilizing affect on our economy and which
22 degrade our environment, our public health and our
23 long-term economic resilience. This project is
24 unnecessary, counterproductive and full at risk. We
25 can transition our entire economy efficiently to

SP164-2 See response to SP88-1.

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1 clean energy resources while reducing harmful
2 greenhouse gas emissions and expanding our economy.

3 A simple carbon free with a hundred
4 percent return of all revenues to all households
5 would creates jobs, far more than this would over
6 its entire lifespan. Increase household incomes
7 making industry pay its own way and make our
8 economies more stronger, our climate more stable and
9 our nation more secure. We need to be supporting
10 smart value building policies that protect what we
11 value. We can't afford this kind of back sliding.

12 This project should be opposed
13 because it's all risk and threat and provides no
14 discernable benefit to the people of New Jersey, the
15 region or our nation. Thank you.

16 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Kathleen

17 Gasienica?

18 MS. GASIENICA: The correct
19 pronunciation is Gasienica and that's spelled
20 G-A-S-I-E-N-I-C-A. I'm from Red Bank, New Jersey
21 and I'm president of the Board of the American
22 Literal Society. I'm speaking to you tonight
23 because I'm opposed to the Liberty National Gas
24 project. There are many reasons to oppose this.
25 You've heard them all. But, this egregious project

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1 I wish to share a highlight of one specific reason,
2 the impact on marine wildlife and their habitat.

3 At last night's public meeting, I
4 just learned of the difference there, in New York
5 City, Roger Whalen, the CEO of Liberty Natural Gas,
6 where is Roger by the way, anyway, he made a
7 statement and I quote, we're talking about a very
8 limited minimal environmental impact. That is a
9 very inaccurate statement and I'd like to share some
10 scientifically proven reasons why.

11 I was shocked to learn that the
12 construction of Port Ambrose project will impact up
13 to 250 acres of the sea floor and that includes sea
14 floor all the way into the estuaries. That's the
15 area where the ocean meets the land. Not only the
16 30 miles out into the sea where you can't see and
17 where, as one of the hecklers said to the mother
18 with the two young children, there are no swimmers.
19 Estuaries, by the way, are responsible for at least
20 75 percent of all the marine life in the entire
21 ocean.

22 The area of open water that will be
23 affected by the proposal of Port Ambrose makes the
24 250 acres of sea floor that it will disturb look
25 like a sand box in comparison. New York, New Jersey

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SP165-1 Thank you for your comment.

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1 bight has one of the highest diversity of marine
2 mammals and sea turtles in the entire United States.
3 This was proven by a 2008 Cornell study. There are
4 numerous federal endangered and threatened species
5 that are regularly seen in the exact area of the
6 proposed project. That includes the four species of
7 whale, the fin back, hump back, north Atlantic white
8 whale and blue whale, four species of turtles,
9 Atlantic loggerhead, the Atlantic leather back, the
10 Atlantic hawksbill and Kemp's ridley. They all
11 migrate through the proposal spot every spring and
12 fall. Marine mammals and turtles will succumb to
13 various stressors as a direct result of the
14 construction, operation and maintenance of Port
15 Ambrose. I'll speak of two.

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16 Number one, vessel strikes.
17 Liberty says that additional tanker traffic is
18 likely to result in only a small increase in vessel
19 strikes. While it may be only a small increase, any
20 vessel strikes will be devastating to these
21 threatened and endangered species. There's only
22 about 300 to 350 North Atlantic white whales left in
23 the entire ocean. Even a few strikes could have
24 potential catastrophic impacts on the entire
25 species. Vessel strikes are the number one cause of

SP165-2 See response to CO134-62.

SP165-3 See response to CO134-62.

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1 death in the North Atlantic white whale.
2 Number two, noise pollution. The
3 trenching, drilling, commissioning, testing,
4 operating activities for the port will have huge
5 impacts on the animals that rely on a relatively
6 quiet underwater environment. Sound is the primary
7 means by which these marine animals communicate.
8 They use it to navigate, forage, social interactions
9 and response to predators.

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10 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Tim BurGen?
11 MR. BURDEN: Good evening and
12 thanks for being here and to everyone that is still
13 here. Thank you for being here and supporting.
14 It's real important. My name is Tim Burden, that's
15 B-U-R-D-E-N. And if I'm correct, I'm the last guy
16 here talking and I intend on being a burden on the
17 project of Port Ambrose.
18 I'm the president of the New Jersey
19 Beach Buggy Association and we are opposed to this
20 Port Ambrose project. We have over 1,500 members
21 throughout New Jersey and Pennsylvania and a lot of
22 them with their families spend a lot of time on the
23 beach, driving on the beaches, but even some beaches
24 where they can't drive they come and they enjoy
25 Sandy Hook in that particular area that's going to

SP165-4 Thank you for your comment.

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1 no involved.

2 A portion of our New Jersey Beach
3 Buggy Association mission's statement states, we are
4 to protect and enhance the aquatic communities
5 through marine conservation. With that being said,
6 I can guaranty that the New Jersey Beach Buggy
7 Association members, their families, their friends
8 and friends and friends will fight against Port
9 Admire project, thus ensuring we do our part to
10 protect those marine resources that are in jeopardy.

11 The EIS was, "I didn't read the
12 1,300 pages, but the part that caught me," said,
13 why do we even go beyond this. The affected
14 environmental resource areas, and I'll stress, the
15 affected environmental resource areas, be evaluated
16 in this draft EIS include water quality, biological
17 resources, threatened and endangered marine mammals,
18 sea turtles, fish and birds, essential fish
19 habitats, geological resources, coastal resources,
20 ocean uses, lands uses, visual resources,
21 socioeconomic, transportation, air quality, noise
22 and public safety. Why do you go beyond that with
23 this project when that's affected? Do you not care
24 about the public and the people?

25 It's going to lead to a lot of

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SP166-1 1 destruction of marine habitat and the shoreline
 2 fishery all along the northern coastline and
 3 possibly even further south along the New Jersey
 4 coast. Does anyone think this will improve our
 5 declining fishery and allow more fishing to be
 6 caught on surf fishing? Can anyone guaranty our
 7 northern beaches will remain open if an accident
 8 happens if Port Ambrose project is approved?
 9 There's already been a problem at other LNG ports,
 10 including a LNG tank that could have had a
 11 catastrophe if not for the successful emergency
 12 tactics that were deployed.

13 It's not a new issue. Governor
 14 Christie vetoed it back in 2011, we are writing and
 15 calling him to do that again and, as I mentioned
 16 before, by the likes of organizations I get
 17 together, it's a rare occurrence where organizations
 18 like the Clean Ocean Action, the Surf Rider
 19 Foundation, the Sierra Club, the American Literal
 20 Society, the Jersey Coast Angler Association, New
 21 Jersey Health and Alliance, whom we're founding
 22 council member of, chapter member of, we're all
 23 against this.

24 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Thank you.
 25 Your time is up. Your time is up. Thank you. Your

SP166-1 See response to SP13-3.

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1 time is up. Thank you again. Your time is done.
 2 That completes the preregistered
 3 speakers. There's now the opportunity for those who
 4 did not sign up in advance to speak. You also get
 5 three minutes. Is there anyone who has not already
 6 spoken who wants to speak? Your name.

SP167 7 MS. YOUSEY: Kim Yousey,
 8 Y-O-U-S-E-Y, and I'm on the seat of my township and
 9 parks and water watch, but I'm also a small business
 10 owner and, with my husband, and we are getting hit
 SP167-1 11 with insurance fees up the wazoo. Okay. And one
 12 thing, I don't have any opportunity to read any of
 13 this application, but I am very curious, who is
 14 underwriting this stuff? The liability for this is,
 15 what happens if they blow up New York? I don't
 16 know. How much damage does that cost? But, I'm
 17 looking at this. This is an example of one in
 18 Louisiana. It's New York energy. There's a couple
 19 names in here. Savon I think is one of the names
 20 mentioned. Their limit of liability of insurance on
 21 this project is \$1 million. That's very affordable.
 22 Okay. Their general liability responsibilities are
 23 \$25 million for their excess liability. This
 24 doesn't make any sense to me. I think that they
 25 have, they pass on their risks to the transporters

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SP167-1 See response to SA4-1 for a discussion of safety.

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1 and the contractors and people who are really
2 responsible for this walk away. Thank you.
3 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. Anyone else
4 who has not spoken would like to speak? In that
5 case, it moves us to the opportunity for those that
6 have spoken before to add additional comments.
7 Anyone who spoke before would like to come up and
8 take the mic again?

9 MR. LEE: As an addendum, my name
SP168 10 is Richard Lee, I serve on the Environmental
11 Alliance. As an addendum, I'd like to remind
12 Governor Christie, on Earth Day three years ago, I
13 guess, he promised that as long as he is governor of
14 New Jersey, there would be no LNG facility offshore
15 of New Jersey. Now, Roger Whalen, when he heard
16 that said, well, who knows how long he's going to be
SP168-1 17 governor. He's still governor now, so I'd like to
18 remind him that he did promise the citizens of New
19 Jersey that he would veto a project, any project,
20 that they tried to put through like this. Thank
21 you.

22 MR. OLSEN: Thank you.
SP169 23 MR. FULLER: Richard Fuller. I
24 made references to the tipping points. I want to
25 urge all of you to stay in close contact in the

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SP168-1 See response to SP89-7.

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1 internet, because a film, a documentary film will be
2 coming out entitled The 12 Tipping Points. The
3 creator of this film, Gary Noel, has subsequently
4 made reference to 32 tipping points. This proposal
5 continues to exacerbate an already apocalyptic
6 situation.

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7 Now, I made references to Super
8 Storm Sandy and the subsequent hurricanes. That's
9 all about extreme weather. Extreme weather, how
10 about extreme drought? Are you aware that we have
11 about 14 to 16 states that are in serious drought?
12 Extreme conditions. We had desertification in the
13 1930's. That's an extreme. We didn't even get to
14 the rain forest, which is being destroyed. Guess
15 why, folks? The consumption of animal products,
16 where these corporations go into the rain forest,
17 clear the land, pick out a few trees for boardwalks,
18 killing 20 trees to get one tree and guess what
19 happens with the spinning of the earth? The water
20 that used to come up and land on the weak belt of
21 the central northern of the United States is being
22 interfered with these corporate criminals who will
23 do anything to feed the world with these animals.
24 And how about these animals are giving off methane
25 gas. I wish I had more to say. Thank you very much

SP169-1 See response to CO132-14 for a discussion of extreme weather conditions which could potentially impact the deepwater port and mitigation measures that would be implemented to avoid damage to an LNGRV or the deepwater port.

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1 for the opportunity, beginning and now.
 2 MR. OLSEN: Thank you.
 3 MR. COLLINS: Ken Collins. Thank
 4 you for the opportunity to finish my thoughts.
 5 Potential and negative impact to commercial sports
 6 and charter fishing are not acceptable in any
 7 measure. No company should be permitted to
 8 construct an export facility with the clear and
 9 present intention to convert it to an export
 10 facility in the immediate future. If this is truly
 11 intended as an import facility, it makes absolutely
 12 no sense economically and, quite frankly, it makes
 13 no common sense at all. It's a sham. Please
 14 restore the commonsense and reject this project.
 15 There's no need for an import facility, since the US
 16 does not import natural gas, because we have an
 17 excess domestic supply right here.
 18 The primary producer of natural gas
 19 in Trinidad, if that is indeed where this gas is
 20 supposed to be imported from, is Russia's Gazprom.
 21 So, it is no mystery to me who will profit and who's
 22 behind this Cayman Island thing that Liberty does.
 23 It's Russia. Don't help Russia exploit the
 24 resources and the people of Trinidad. Do not open
 25 the door to industrial development off the New

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SP170-1 See response to SP15-2.

SP170-2 Thank you for your comment.

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1 Jersey coast. I ask you to avoid creating a line of
2 LNG tanker ships from here to Trinidad and back
3 again and the burning of all the fossil fuel used to
4 move them. Do the right thing for New Jersey, the
5 shore, the United States and the planet and deny the
6 permitting of the Port Ambrose LNG facility. Thank
7 you.

8 MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

SP171 9 MR. RAPP: Just so I can close the
10 evening by saying, the last line that I did write,
11 let's build to last and that means renewables. Jim
SP171-1 12 Rapp, R-A-P-P, Jim Rapp. Once again, let's build an
13 America built to last and that means renewables.
14 God bless America.

15 MR. MADISON: I was also up before.

SP172 16 My last name is Madison, M-A-D-I-S-O-N. I made a
17 very short statement that, basically, said that this
18 project is for corporations and not for the people.
SP172-1 19 It's my understanding that one of the criteria that
20 you have is that this must be good for America, for
21 our national economy. It's good for corporations,
22 is not good for the people.

23 I referenced in my previous
24 statement that the financial crisis that we had, we
25 paid for. We're still paying for as we get out of

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SP171-1 Thank you for your comment.

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SP172-1 See response to FA4-2 for a discussion of purpose and need, and peak demand.

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1 that recession. It's the same kind of problem that
2 we have with this. The people are not going to get
3 any good out of this. It's the corporation that
4 wants it. There are no criteria that allow, should
5 allow corporations to have priority over the people.
6 Thank you.

7 MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

8 MS. BEENY: One thing I'm very

SP173 9 concerned about, what the exact -- I'm Diane Beeny.

SP173-1 10 I'm concerned about the contingency plans in case
11 there is some kind of, God forbid, some kind of
12 horrific disaster with a major fireball or some kind
13 of terrorist attack. What is the plans? Because
14 when we plan these things, it seems like there's a
15 lot of wishful thinking involved, like they plan the
16 best case scenario and they don't, it's just not
17 enough emphasis on what the worst case scenario
18 could be and we still have oil that we're cleaning
19 out from the Valdez, Exxon Valdez spill. Part of
20 the problem is from the Horizon Deepwater spill, to
21 correct it they had put on, which was supposed to,
22 mostly it was to hide it, but to make all the oil go
23 down to the bottom and they said there's like a
24 bathtub ring of this stuff there that's still
25 killing the sea life there and then we have the

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In accordance with 33 CFR 150.15 (see the final EIS, Subsection 5.3) and before a DWP can be authorized to operate, the operator must develop a comprehensive operations manual, for Coast Guard review and approval, that addresses all credible accidental and intentional scenarios and prevention and mitigation measures to specifically address each event.

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1 legacy of Tremolo and Fukushima. We all have
2 radiation in our bodies from that for the rest of
3 our lives. And then the promise that, I mean, when
4 they build these things and promise safety and
5 they're going to be clean, we're going to take care
6 of everything and if there's a problem we'll clean
7 it up.

8 But, anyway, I'm just going to
9 close on a positive note that, the quote that, a
10 solar spill is simply called a sunny day. Thank
11 you.

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12 MS. AXELROD: Jennifer Axelrod.
13 The Deepwater Horizon disaster was the worst
14 maritime disaster in US history. However, today,
15 Chevron is building a 7.5 billion production
16 platform, 280 miles south of New Orleans taking on
17 both natural gas and crude. The huge filling
18 facilities in the deepest waters in the Gulf of
19 Mexico, according to port's director Chip Chiappa,
20 by 2016 will afford us 1.5 million barrels of crude
21 per day. These guys are laughing all the way to the
22 bank, but nobody else is laughing. These are huge
23 corporate monarchies, oligarchy, that are bought out
24 of democracy and bought our country and I think
25 everyone today has taken some stab in that and I'd

SP174-1 See response to SP5-2.

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1 like to be one of them in a small way.

2 MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

SP175 3 MS. GOETZ: She said oligarchy

4 again, I have to. My name is Wendy Goetz,

5 G-O-E-T-Z, and like Ken, I think it's being made to

SP175-1 6 look like it's Russia, coming from Russia, and we
7 don't need the oligarchic and capitalism pressure of
8 ruining our environment anymore. If they're going
9 to export it from Syria to import it here, utilizing
10 Ukraine pipelines and taking the resources from
11 Afghanistan and Iraq, Iran and India and Pakistan.
12 Joe Biden's son is sitting on a board out there
13 after this has been rearranged that way. So, if it
14 is not going to be the bait and switch export
15 station and it will absolutely be an import station,
16 then do we really, we cannot have the, we have no
17 transparency, no transparency to yourself, no
18 transparency to the system, no transparency to the
19 future. That is the reason to reject the Port
20 Ambrose LNG.

21 MR. OLSEN: Thank you.

SP1765 22 MR. JONES: Richard Jones. I
23 appreciate you staying late and keeping us here in
24 your meeting, whatever it is, to hear everyone out.
25 I just want to continue my point about the lovely

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SP175-1 See response to SP170-2.

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1 boiling liquid extending vapor explosion potential.
 2 I'm just wondering if the Coast Guard has any way to
 3 deal with this. You have a ship sized potential
 4 bomb that's adrift that maybe had to be abandoned,
 5 maybe there was a small fire, there's no way to
 6 approach it safely. There is no way to approach it
 7 safely to either put a line on it and tow it out to
 8 sea or extinguish the fire. So, what happens if it
 9 drifted to the shore, what is a safe area of
 10 evacuation? Is it one mile, two miles, five miles?
 11 I would really love to know what the answer to that
 12 is. If it did exploded, what is the potential
 13 destruction? Thank you.
 14 MR. OLSEN: Thank you. There
 15 appear to be no other repeat speakers. I'm going to
 16 turn the mic over to Mr. Borland.
 17 MR. BORLAND: Thank you everyone
 18 for a very productive public meeting. Appreciate
 19 everyone staying out here late. All the comments we
 20 received, there will be a verbatim transcript
 21 prepared that will be part of the record.
 22 This concludes this public hearing
 23 on the draft EIS for the Port Ambrose Deepwater Port
 24 license application. We are now adjourned. Thank
 25 you and good night.

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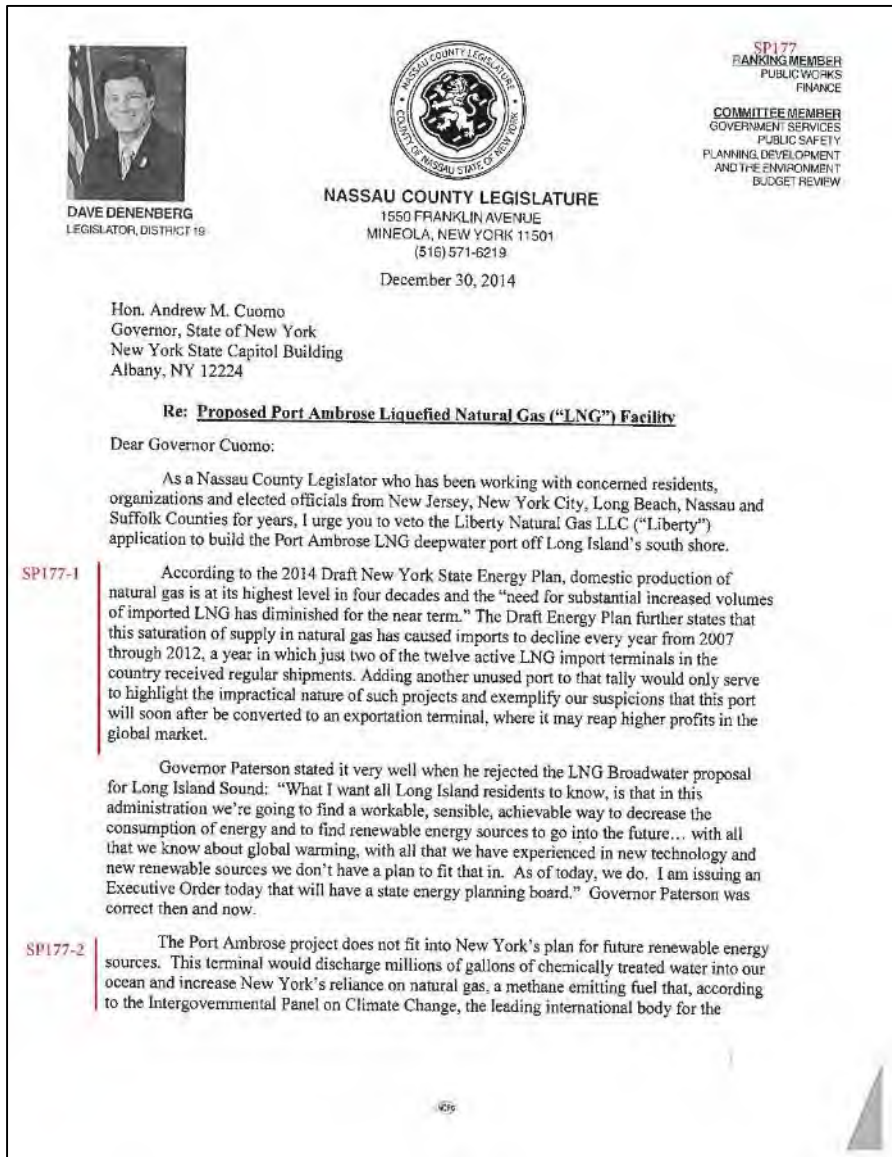
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SP177-1 See response to FA4-2 for a discussion of purpose and need, and peak demand.

SP177-2 See response to SP3-4.

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SP177-2 (con't) assessment of climate change, is 34 times more effective at trapping heat in our atmosphere over a 100-year period than carbon dioxide.

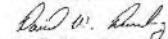
SP177-3 Long Island's south shore has seen firsthand the wrath of extreme storms. Scientists predict that we could expect to see more frequent extreme weather events in our future. At a time when Sandy Recovery projects are being proposed to strengthen our barrier islands and protect them from future storms, our communities should not be made more vulnerable by building an offshore facility of this type.

SP177-4 As you may be aware, in 2011, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie vetoed an application for an LNG port by Liberty off the coast of New Jersey, stating that "offshore LNG poses unacceptable risks to the state's residents, natural resources, economy and security." We urge you to veto this project as a means of defending New York State's precious environmental assets.

Thank you for your anticipated courtesy and cooperation. Please keep me advised of the status of this matter.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact my office.

Very truly yours,



David Denenberg
Legislator, 19th District

SP177-3 See response to SP62-3.

SP177-4 Thank you for your comment.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS

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Port Ambrose Project (USCG-2013-0363)

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SP178-1 I AM 100% OPPOSED TO THIS LNG PROJECT! FOR TOO MANY REASONS TO LIST HERE SUCH AS ENVIRONMENTAL AND HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS!!

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

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10. Eileen E. Rourke, New York, New York

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I urge our govt. agencies to conduct a thorough & objective EIS on the Port Ambrose Project.
Aside from the potential environmental dangers & concerns for both people, wild life & the
ocean, the Port Ambrose Project makes NO sense economically, except to profit a private
company, with financial equity backers in the Cayman Islands (possibly to avoid taxes?).
Port Ambrose will not produce enough permanent local jobs to justify the risks. It is
questionable whether it would provide sufficient gas supply. We need to get serious about
investment in safe sustainable, true natural energy that already exists in Mother Nature.
Renewable energy is the industry we should invest in & develop a long term for market.
The NYC/NJ region cannot afford another potential disaster, especially while still
recovering from Sandy & 9/11.

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

Eileen E. Rourke

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New York, NY 10038

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So it will either take away from other Coast Guard duties
or cost taxpayers the pay for it. Liberty Natural Gas
is not paying for these costs, Uncle Sam
project has no merit & should not be approved.

SP179-1 See response to SP13-1. See response to SP177-1.

SP179-2 See response to SP88-1.

SP179-3 See response to SP5-2.

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January 6, 2015

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West Building, Ground Floor, Room W12-140
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

RE: **Draft EIS for Port Ambrose LNG Deepwater Port License Application**
(Docket No. USCG-201-0363)

Please accept the following comments on the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Port Ambrose Project Deepwater Port Application (Docket No. USCG-201-0363).

SP180-1

I strongly oppose this proposal by Liberty National Gas, LLC for an offshore liquefied natural gas terminal in federal waters outside of New York City. The draft EIS lacks meaningful consideration of purpose or need in the context of regional energy planning and fails the "straight face" test.

Recently the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) approved an LNG terminal in Cove Point, Maryland which is intended to *export* gas from the United States to foreign markets based on availability of domestically produced natural gas. It therefore makes no sense whatsoever to approve an *import* terminal to do the exact opposite of this just two hundred miles away. It is inconceivable that customers in New York City and Long Island would pay higher prices for gas transported across the globe from foreign ports when ample domestically produced gas is available. Likewise it is ridiculous to believe that gas will be delivered to New York from Maryland, or anywhere else in the continental United States, by ship instead of pipeline. Involving liquefaction, transport, and subsequent regasification, this would be the most costly and carbon intensive means of delivering gas to customers. Finally, FERC is already in the process of approving the expansion or construction of several major pipeline projects, ostensibly to serve markets in the northeast. So the project is simply not needed.

Upon further inspection it is also apparent that—despite industry hyperbole—there is not a pressing need for significantly more gas in downstate New York. For example, the Long Island Power Authority (LIPA) decided recently not to build a new gas-fired power plant in Brookhaven because it was determined that Long Island has an adequate supply of energy to cover growth in the foreseeable future. The draft EIS fails to perform a credible analysis of gas demand in the area to justify the project or the volume of gas delivery in cubic feet per day which the applicant estimates would be supplied by undersea pipeline.

Rather than performing any meaningful evaluation of these issues, the draft EIS reiterates unsupported claims regarding need and allows the applicant to avoid answering basic questions regarding where gas delivered to the proposed port would originate. Under the circumstances, the possibility that the applicant intends to use this terminal—sooner or later—for the export of gas cannot be ignored. This is particularly

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See response to SP23-8.

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disturbing since it means that pipeline projects built using eminent domain would be conduits for exporting gas instead of fulfilling the purpose for which they were purportedly constructed: serving the bona fide public need of customers in the United States. Assurances that another EIS would be necessary to convert Port Ambrose to an export facility provides little comfort that such a conversion will not occur.

The potential for Port Ambrose, if approved, to become an export facility requires that the U.S. Coast Guard and Maritime Administration perform a much more comprehensive analysis of the project which considers this possibility. However since the application does not propose this, and because another export facility is neither necessary or desirable from the standpoint of conserving domestic gas reserves or maintaining low fuel prices, the project should simply be denied.

SP180-2

In addition to the above, I strongly object to construction of the Port Ambrose LNG terminal because it undermines much needed investments in renewable energy. This is particularly relevant since construction of the proposed facility potentially interferes with development of the *Long Island-New York City Offshore Wind Collaborative* project in the same location. Significantly, Governor Andrew Cuomo recently announced his support for a ban on high-volume hydraulic fracturing for natural gas in the state of New York. Consistent with that wise decision, he should use his executive authority to reject the Port Ambrose project which would transport gas obtained from fracking.

It is noteworthy that Denmark is making significant investments in off-shore wind and is on track to meet 50% of its energy needs with renewables by the year 2020. However the United States, a much larger nation with ample coastline, has yet to build a single off-shore wind facility. To be a serious leader in combating climate change, we must do better. Instead of participating in plans to increase dependency on fossil fuels—whether foreign or domestic—the U.S. Coast Guard and Maritime Administration can and should be a strong advocate for the development of off-shore wind.

SP180-3

Finally, I am very concerned about the potential for catastrophic accident or terrorist attack relating to the presence of LNG regasification vessels at the proposed terminal and the anticipated frequent movement of large LNG shipping vessels in the vicinity of a highly populated metropolitan area. A major LNG spill would result in production of a very large vapor cloud, which if ignited could create an explosive fireball of immense size, creating unspeakable damage and loss of life. Furthermore an LNG vessel commandeered by terrorists would become a weapon of mass destruction. We know all too well that New York City is a terrorist target. Port Ambrose and the frequent presence of vessels carrying millions of gallons of LNG increases this threat.

Thank you for considering these comments.



Keith Schue

SP180-2 See response to SP88-1.

SP180-3 See response to SP5-2.

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Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

Scott Rockaway
345 West Pine St
Long Beach, NY 11561

100% Renewable Energy – the only option we have!

SP181

SP181-1

Importing and Exporting Liquefied Natural Gas to and from overseas markets is a dirty, dangerous practice that lets the industry make a killing at the expense of human health.

While drillers continue to carve up private property and ignore basic environmental laws, the natural gas industry is pressuring local governments and coastal communities to build new pipelines and processing plants so gas can be turned into a liquid form, and shipped overseas.

Exporting natural gas would increase fracking and carbon emissions, put sensitive ecological areas at risk, and do nothing to address our country's energy challenges. Natural gas companies envision a network of winding pipelines and noisy, polluting compressors that connect the drills to the docks, slicing through wild lands, rivers, and backyards. Pipelines and gas wells will inevitably leak or rupture, risking lives and fouling the environment where people live and further polluting the air we breathe and the water we drink.

Not only that, the super-cooling process that turns fossil fuel vapor into LNG requires an immense amount of energy – so much energy, in fact, ~~that~~ the LNG lifecycle is as dirty as coal.

The industry claims natural gas is the key to America's energy independence, yet they want to export almost half of daily U.S. production, leaving our communities polluted while the gas industry profits.

SP181-1 Thank you for your comment.

Preventing these facilities from being built will dramatically decrease the pressure to drill for more gas and in turn prevent more destruction of our land and pollution of our water and air.

100% Renewable Energy – the only option we have..

Now is the time to act. Decisions taken by politicians today will have a major influence on the world of tomorrow. Investments in fossil fuels today will lock us and future generations into a dangerous system. Taking action today on our own terms enables us to profit from the transition to 100% Renewable Energy right now as well as in the future. We will create the new industries and new jobs we will need in the future today. We benefit now while creating a sustainable future for our children and grandchildren.

The good news is that solutions exist. The popularity of renewable energy is already skyrocketing as millions of people around the world use it to generate electricity, to heat and cool buildings and to produce a variety of cleaner vehicle fuels.

Wealthy investors will only profit from LNG and the Fossil fuel future. LNG donates 100's of Thousands of Dollars to our Politicians -

TO OUR POLITICIANS - HERE THE PEOPLE AND LISTEN LOUD ... WE VOTE!

SP181-2 See response to SP23-7.

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- SP182-1 I am very upset about the possibility of having the Port Ambrose Project in the waters off of L.I.'s beautiful beaches, especially because there is no good reason to be moving, selling & dealing with liquid natural gas in this area.
- SP182-2 I would so much rather have wind farms off of our beaches to help in producing electricity & heat. I feel like this project is being forced on L.I. Islanders to make a profit for the natural gas dealers. It is not safe, will destroy the waters off our beaches and is being pushed on those who live on L.I.
- SP182-3 Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print) Teresa A. Grunelli
71 Sheep Lane
Levittown NY 11756

SP182-1 Thank you for your comment.

SP182-2 See response to SP23-7.

SP182-3 See response to SP5-2.

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SP183-1 ① Since 9/11, LNG facilities are known targets of terrorist groups as was seen in Yemen. What are your plans for protecting L.I. from a terrorist attack? This is a real fear with ISIL and all the events that are happening around the world. ② I'm also worried about spills and discharges winding up on our shores and destroying Long Island's beautiful waters and shores. Once it's damaged or destroyed it's never the same.

SP183-2 ③ The environmental Impact Report claims that the purpose of this port is to distribute natural gas into downstate NYC & L.I. markets to meet existing & future demand requirements. According to NYS's 2014 Draft Energy Plan, domestic production of natural gas is at its highest level in 4 decades. Therefore there is no need to import natural gas to L.I. and we don't need the port Ambrose project here!!

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

Mark + Helene Manas
1899 Elsie Ave.
Merrick, N.Y. 11566

SP183-3 WE DO NOT WANT THE PORT AMBROSE PROJECT HERE!!!
INSTEAD DO A WIND FARM!!

SP183-1 See response to SP5-2.

SP183-2 See response to SP177-1.

SP183-3 See response to SP64-3.

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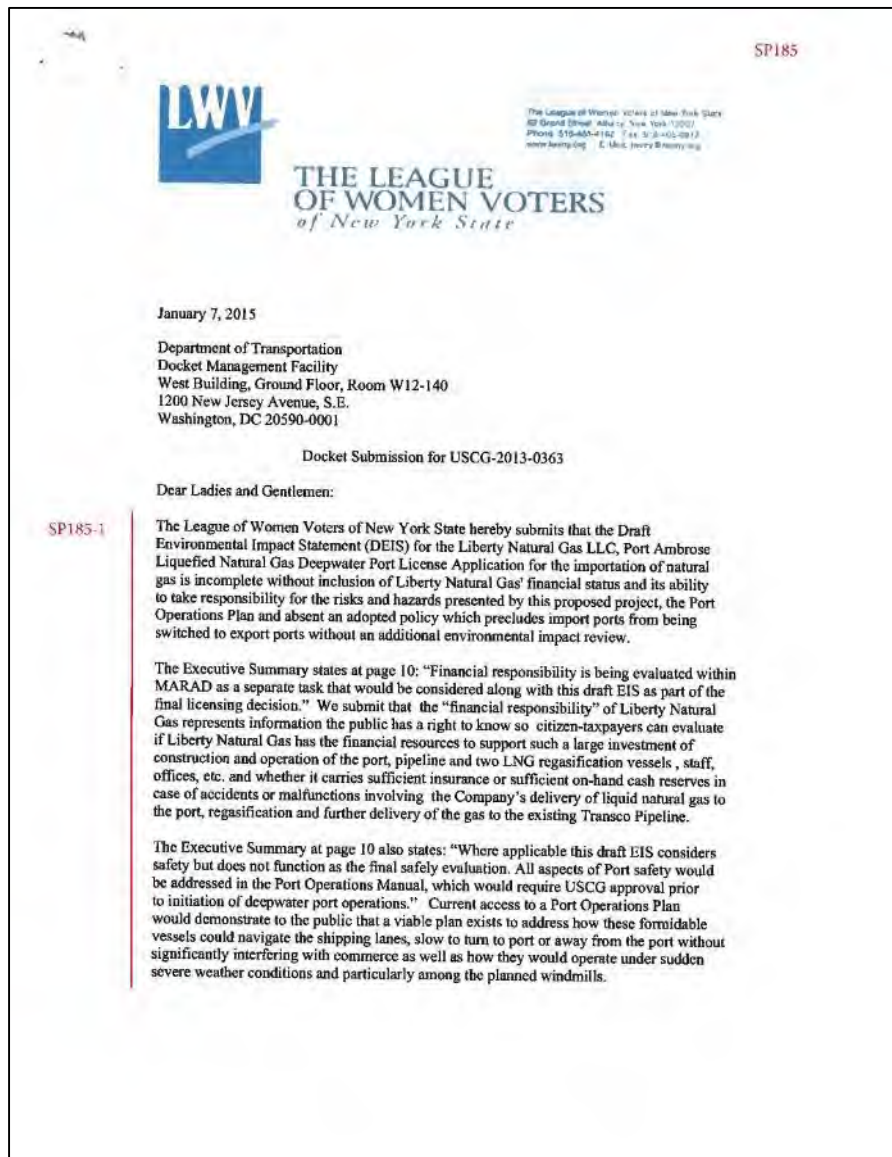
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*My greatest concern is that allowing this LNG
ocean platform will create the precedent for
the possibility of ongoing and increasingly
environmentally impacting industrialization
of our Atlantic seaboard.*

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

Neal J Monteleone
209 Lincoln Blvd.
Long Beach, NY 11561

SP184-1 Thank you for your comment.



SP185-1

The draft DWP operations manual, that was submitted, as part of the Port Ambrose license application, is not publicly releasable because it includes proprietary and highly sensitive information (i.e., Sensitive Security Information protected in accordance 49 CFR 1520). It discusses specific procedures that if disclosed could compromise the safety of life and protection of property. Please refer to the final EIS, Subsection 5.3 that discusses regulatory requirements (see 33 CFR §150.15) for requirements regarding operations and contingencies.

SP185


SP185-2

On Oct. 16, 2014, MARAD proposed a change in policy "whereby any proposed Deepwater Port involving the export of oil or natural gas from domestic sources within the United States will require the submission of an **export-specific comprehensive license application** conforming to all established and applicable Deepwater Port licensing requirements and regulations." This includes an Environmental Impact Statement. Comments were requested by MARAD on this policy.

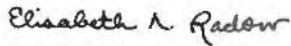
The League of Women Voters supports, in the strongest terms, this MARAD change in policy and even more strongly recommends this policy to be adopted and in effect before a decision to approve or disapprove the proposed Port Ambrose import port is made by the Maritime Administration of the Department of Transportation. Without the foregoing policy in effect, the USCG-2013-0363 DEIS and final EIS for an import port for this proposed project could be applicable for import or export and this outcome would be inconsistent with the intention of the proposed MARAD change in policy.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Sally Robinson
President
League of Women Voters of New York State



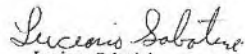
Elisabeth Radow
Chairperson, Committee on Energy, Agriculture and the Environment
League of Women Voters of New York State

SP185-2 See response to SP12-3.

January 7, 2015


Dear Port Ambrose Public hearing officials:

SP186-1 I am against the proposal to construct a port to store liquid natural gas for export. We have seen the destructive powers of natural events like hurricanes Sandy and Irene. The Port would be located in close proximity to the south shore of Long Island and the New Jersey Shore. A leak of the fuel would have disastrous consequences to our environment. A significant spill could affect the lives of several million people. We saw the tragedy of the Gulf oil spill in 2010. It took many millions of dollars to clean up that spill and the Gulf Coast communities are still struggling in the aftermath of the spill and the environment is still recovering. I implore Governors Cuomo and Christie to not allow that building of this facility. I am a resident of Massapequa on the South Shore of LI. I am still trying to recover from Hurricane Sandy, which nearly destroyed my home. Please do not create ticking time bombs, which threaten our way of life. The power of nature will come back to bite us. Thank you.


Luciano Sabatini
Massapequa, NY 11758
516-660-1352

SP186-1 See response to SP5-2.

SP187



I DID NOT GET TO TESTIFY
at the New York Public Hearing on Port Ambrose
January 7, 2015
Hilton Hotel JFK Airport 144-02 135th Ave. Jamaica, NY 11436

Name Marilyn Benetatos

Town New York State NY Zip code 10027

Cell Phone _____ Home Phone 212 663 5372

Email Address _____

The NO LNG Coalition will be in touch with you to make sure that your views on Port Ambrose are entered into Docket # USCG-2013-0363

Please say why you were unable to deliver comments at the January 7th public hearing about Port Ambrose:

_____ I signed up to deliver comments and I was not given a chance to speak

_____ I had to leave at _____ (time) because of (please elaborate below, for example: family obligations, reliance on public transportation, work, etc.):

SP187-1

I do not believe that we need to develop an infrastructure for more fossil fuels → the security of the country + environment depends on securing Renewable energy. We do not need energy from Trinidad transported to the US - We need local renewable energy for the security of the country + environment.

SP187-1 See response to SP58-3.

Statement for Port Ambrose Hearing – Jamaica, NY - January 7, 2015

SP188

My name is Vincent Brancato. I am the co-chair of the Environmental Stewardship Committee at the New York Society for Ethical Culture and a citizen, husband, father and grandfather.

I have to oppose the possible Port Ambrose liquid natural gas marine port that is proposed by Liberty National Gas.

SP188-1

Liberty National Gas is a Canadian based corporation with Cayman Island bank accounts– so let us not confuse "Liberty" with American causes and values. It is a secretive corporation with unidentified backers and board members. Resources to deal with any accidents or catastrophes are unknown. This is not a publicly traded firm with known assets such as we had with the BP Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico in 2010. I would also imagine that there are less or no Federal or State taxes paid by Canadian firms – or else why has there been opposition to American firms moving their corporate headquarters to Canada?

SP188-2

Liquid natural gas is an extremely dangerous, yielding highly flammable gases if cooling is not maintained, and potentially explosive product. Placing such a marine station so close to such highly populated areas as the Rockaways, Long Beach and Jones Beach and running a pipeline to carry this gas to a point between Rockaway and Long Beach would expose a very large population to extreme risks when there might be a mishap.

So I think of what dangers there will be in such a busy harbor and when there might be a Super Storm Sandy 2 and the threat to the gas port and the associated pipelines that could be severed or leak. Not a happy thought – especially not so close to such a densely populated area. I think the danger could be unacceptable anywhere but ten times more so here at the New York – New Jersey harbor hubs.

We also must face that with all this explosive potential this is a possible terrorist target. This kind of potential was on the fully fueled planes that were hijacked on 9 11 and flown into the World Trade Center. No such on site fuel was at the World Trade Center when the 1993 attempt was made to set off explosives – this fuel source will be a constant threat at any LNG terminal while it is working.

SP188-3

Also this facility was originally proposed as an import facility. Today the global pricing scene is ever changing. According to FERC, The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, in their December 2014 report of World LNG prices the value at Cove Point in the Chesapeake Bay is \$5.25 per million BTUs, in Lake Charles, Louisiana it is \$3.72 per million BTUs – In Rio de Janeiro it is \$11.35 – in Japan \$12.00 In Korea \$12.00 in China \$11.60. I am not a genius but I have to assume that if it is built it will very difficult for LNG exporters to choose the US as a viable market.

Following that logic I would explore what would happen if the facility is put into operation whether or not it is later reversed to be an export facility.

So what will this mean if it is built. It means that gas demand will radically increase to feed this location. Fortunately at the end of last year Governor Cuomo empowered by the Health Report from Dr. Zucker that is Commissioner Zucker of the New York State Health Department to position the Governor to be able to ban fracking in New York State. I think that Dr. Zucker is my public service hero for 2014 and maybe the decade.

But if such a facility is built it will likely be fed with shale gas from the Marcellus Shale – mostly I imagine from Pennsylvania. What are the results for New Yorkers?

SP188-1 See response to SP13-1.

SP188-2 See response to SP5-2.

SP188-3 We understand your concerns; however, Liberty's application is only for the construction and operation of a deepwater port that could only be used as a natural gas import facility. The considerable technical, operational, and environmental differences between import and export operations for natural gas deepwater ports is such that any licensed deepwater port facility that proposed to convert from import to export operations would be required to submit a new license application (including application fee) and conform to all licensing requirements and regulations in effect at such time of application. In addition to payment of the application fee, licensing requirements include, but are not limited to, completion of an extensive environmental impact assessment and financial resources review which would include public participation. Applications for construction and operation of offshore deepwater port facilities for the export of oil and natural gas from the U.S. to foreign markets abroad would be processed according to MARAD's final policy as described in a notification in the Federal Register (80 FR 26321) on May 7, 2015.

SP188-4 See response to comment LA9-3.

SP188-5 See response to SP101-1.

SP188-6 See response to SP26-2.

- SP188-3 (con't) 1) Pushing up our cost for our natural gas needs – not only as individuals but also of our industries and other businesses.
- 2) The above-mentioned dangers from the port with any possible profits and big taxes being outside New York.
- SP188-4 3) The dangers of transport in pipelines to the port with the threats to our environment from possible explosions or leaks – and leaks would accelerate global warming as the gas leaked is methane which is many times more potent as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide. And, although this is not the direct mission of this hearing, also any damage to water or land threatens New York's farmers, vineyards, brewers and tourist attractions at the very least.
- SP188-3 (con't) 4) Health risk increases from the likely increase of hydrofracking – I refer you to Commissioner Zucker's report.
- SP188-5 5) Projected per Liberty Natural Gas are 10 long-term jobs. Others say 6. Also about 600 construction jobs during the making of the facility. Not all those jobs necessarily here.
- SP188-6 6) This would be an obstruction to a proposed wind farm in this area that would create thousands or more of long term well paid jobs while reducing the need for burning more fossil fuels and therefore further reducing the pace of global warming. These facilities would then also be tax-paying entities that would strengthen our region while doing their business.

I could say more – I am a long time environmentalist but I will close by offering a quote from President Eisenhower's farewell address talking about responsibly moving forward.

Another factor in maintaining balance involves the element of time. As we peer into society's future, we – you and I, and our government – must avoid the impulse to live only for today, plundering for, for our own ease and convenience, the precious resources of tomorrow. We cannot mortgage the material assets of our grandchildren without asking the loss also of their political and spiritual heritage. We want democracy to survive for all generations to come, not to become the insolvent phantom of tomorrow.

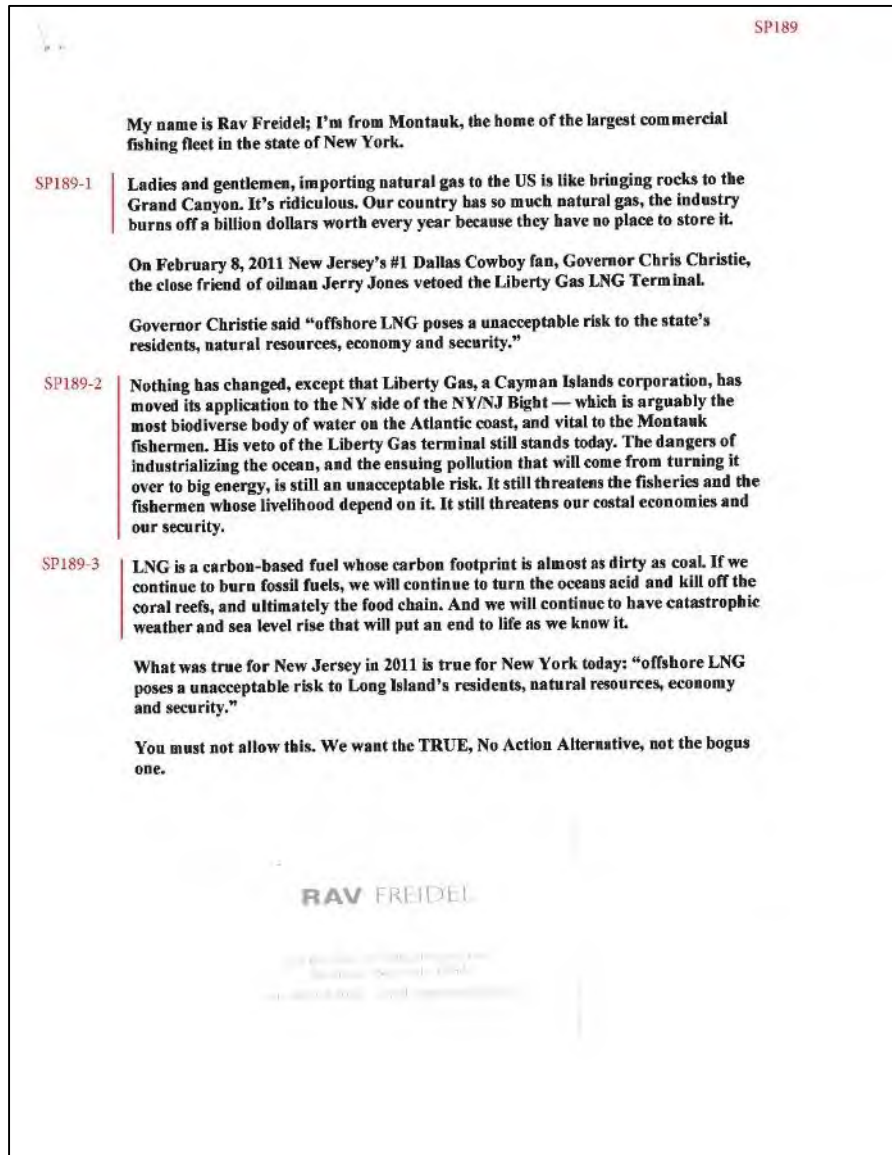
Thank you for your time and attention.

Vincent Brancato
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New York, NY 10025
vpbrancato@gmail.com

SP189-1 See response to SP23-4.

SP189-2 Thank you for your comment.

SP189-3 See response to SP34-4.



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SP190-1 Comments: (Please Print; Attach an additional sheet if necessary)

I oppose building additional pipelines because this will lead to increased use of carbon fuels which will increase global warming. We are already at or near the tipping point or the point of no return where earth's environment will be irreversibly damaged by global warming. Further development of fossil fuel infrastructure is bowing to corporate greed. For the sake of our children ~~we~~ we must

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

Mary Ellen Croly
150 West 2nd Ave #15H
NY, NY 10023

IND190-1 See response to SP88-1.

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change our path and support development
of alternative energy infrastructure
such as wind + solar energy

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I was cut off without completing my verbal comments.

This is the rest of my comment:

SP191-1 *Potential negative impacts to commercial, sports and charter fishing are not acceptable in any measure. No company should be*

SP191-2 *permitted to construct an export facility with the clear and present intention to convert it to an export facility in the immediate future. If this is truly intended as an import facility it makes absolutely no sense economically and frankly it makes no common sense whatsoever. It's a shame.*

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

Kenneth J. Collins

14 Pinecliff Rd.

Newton, NJ 07860-9727

SP191-1 See response to comment FA6-8 for a discussion of potential impacts due to the implementation of navigational safety measures that would limit certain uses within the Safety Zone, no anchoring area, and areas to be avoided.

SP191-2 See response to SP188-3. See response to SP170-2.

SP191

Comments: (Please Print; Additional sheet, if necessary)

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SP191-2
(con't)

Restore common sense and reject this proposal.
There is no need for an import facility since the
U.S. does not import natural gas because we have
an excess domestic supply. If this gas is
to be imported from Trinidad, the primary gas
producer there is Russia's Gazprom, so it is
no mystery - This project will benefit Russia.
Don't help Russia exploit the people and
resources of Trinidad. Don't open the door
to ~~the~~ industrial off the New Jersey coast.
I ask you to avoid creating a line of
LNG tanker ships from here to Trinidad
and back again, and the burning of all
the fossil fuel used to move them. Do
the right thing for New Jersey, the
shore, the ocean, the country and
the planet and deny the permitting
of the port Ambrose LNG facility.

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SP192-1

*I am strongly opposed to this proposal
it endangers the environment, presents
an easy terrorist target and provides
no economic benefit to New Jersey
Do Not Industrialize our Ocean*

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

*Henry Kagan
4 Washington Ave
Asbury Park NJ 07717*

SP192-1

See response to SP89-2. See response to SP5-2.

SP193

The Jersey Shore Partnership, Inc.

The Sand on the Beach People

COMMENTS ON LIBERTY NATURAL GAS APPLICATION FOR A LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS FACILITY
Public Hearing January 8, 2015

My name is Margot Walsh. I represent the Jersey Shore Partnership, an advocacy organization for beach protection along the 137 mile New Jersey coast. We are responding to the application by Liberty Natural Gas, LLC ("Liberty") to build a proposed liquefied natural gas ("LNG") deep water port facility, called Port Ambrose, 38 miles off the Jersey coast, east of Monmouth Beach.

SP193-1 The construction and operation of Port Ambrose would have a strongly negative ecological impact on its surroundings, discharge millions of gallons of chemically treated seawater, and require the dredging of miles of sea floor. In addition, we must consider the potential havoc wrought to New Jersey's coastline if an extreme weather event, such as another Hurricane Sandy, were to damage a vulnerable offshore facility of this type.

SP193-2 Our coastline has already experienced a natural disaster brought on by Sandy. We have yet to recover economically and emotionally and are still taking stock of what's needed to rebuild. To now approve a mega project in a heavily industrialized and populated coastal area that borders New Jersey's coast is asking for disaster.

SP193-3 We have learned never to say "if" – it is now "when." The LNG project brings risks for New Jersey and New York. An accident at Port Ambrose will immediately impact New Jersey's coastline, disrupting shore tourism, recreation, boating, commercial and recreational fisheries – all economic engines for the state and major quality of life issues.

New Jersey is not ready or willing to risk destruction of our coastline again through a mega project that we will have no control over, no financial benefit, and no benefits to our environmental landscape.

The project benefits Port Ambrose – not New Jersey. We, therefore, stand with Clean Ocean Action and many other concerned citizens in opposing the proposed Port Ambrose project.

Margot Walsh
Executive Director
Jersey Shore Partnership
732-212-4145 (O)
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www.jerseyshorepartnership.com

SP193-1 See response to SP3-4.

SP193-2 See response to SP1-2.

SP193-3 See response to SP19-1.

SP194

Wilma Morrissey
Box 139
Allenwood, NJ 08720
732 938-3550
wilmamorrissey@optonline.net

Statement:

I oppose LNG and Port Ambrose for the following reasons:

- SP194-1 | 1. I do not believe in Foreign Energy Dependence
- SP194-2 | 2. I am concerned about the LNG accidents that have occurred within the past 40 years whether direct or indirect. I am most concerned about safety regarding Terrorism, Acts of God, Fires, Explosions, Hurricanes or Bad Storms.
- SP194-3 | 3. I am also concerned about dirty fossil fuel.
- SP194-4 | 4. Lastly, I am concerned about the damage inflicted to the marine ecosystem.

SP194-1 Thank you for your comment.

SP194-2 See response to SP5-2.

SP194-3 Thank you for your comment.

SP194-4 See response to SP13-3.

SP195

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SP195-1

I would like to know if there is a plan to protect these super ships from terrorist attacks. If a terrorist can blow a hole in the side of the USS Cole can we be assured that this will not be a major terrorist target? Who will pay for this security burden? Tax payers or the company?

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

Isidore H. Keating
2 Garden Place
Chatham, NJ 07928

SP195-1 See response to SA4-1 for a discussion of safety.

SP196

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SP196-1

The people of New Jersey do
NOT want this project to proceed.

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

Alice Kessler

74 Cedar Ave - apt. 1

Long Branch NJ 07740

SP196-1 See response to SP10-1.

SP197

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SP197-1

As a resident of New Jersey I completely oppose the Port Ambrose LNG Project. I do not want this facility to be built. Please consider its creation will have negative environmental consequences that do not equate its usage.

Thank You,

Lori Jane Burns

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

Lori Jane Burns
23 Wallace St. Apt. 201
Red Bank, N.J. 07701

SP197-1

See response to SP10-1.

SP198

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SP198-1

I am opposed to the building of Port Ambrose.

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

Denise Sprague
15 Vermeer Dr #10
South Amboy NJ 08879

SP198-1 See response to SP10-1.

SP199

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SP199-1

We should be looking toward the future. Fossil Fuels are
part of a failed past. I want the Federal authority
to propose projects involving Solar Wind Geothermal
energy. Climate change is the central issue of
our time and we should not be building more
Fossil fuel infrastructure. There are lots of potential
for jobs in green energy projects. The IBEW already
has many solar projects underway. We need jobs
that preserve the environment.

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

Richard Moser
2 Spring Pond Rd
Hoboken, NJ
07731

SP199-1 See response to SP13-6. See response to SP20-1.

SP200

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SP200-1

Liberty Natural gas Port Ambrose is designed to be a
safety and reliable source of natural gas for our area.
this is a vital infrastructure project that will help
create construction jobs
ELFC supports this project because it fastens
economic development in the Shore Region.

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

DANIEL ORTEGA
ELFC - LOCAL B2S
65 Springfield Ave, 2nd floor
Springfield, NJ 07081
973-630-1015

SP200-1

Thank you for your comment.

SP201

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SP201-1

WE ARE AGAINST THE CONSTRUCTION OF
THE PORT AMBROSE LNG PROJECT ON
ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS.
WE FEEL THIS IS NOT THE TIME IN
HUMAN HISTORY TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF
FOSSIL FUEL RESOURCES DUE TO THE POTENTIAL
FOR CLIMATE CHANGE. INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT
NEEDS TO FOCUS ON TRANSITIONING TO
RENEWABLE ENERGY, NOT FOSSIL FUELS.

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

PAUL RINEAR
CHAIR, ABERDEEN TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD
109 WILSON AVENUE
ABERDEEN, NJ 07747

SP201-1 See response to SP13-6.

SP202

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COMMENTS BY
JOHN CLABBY
23 HAWTHORNE RD
RED BANK, NJ 07701

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

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SP202-1

SP202-2

SP202-3

SP202-4

SP202-5

I AM 100% BEHIND THE VIEWS OF OUR ELECTED
OFFICIALS WHO TESTIFIED SO ELOQUENTLY AT THE
PUBLIC HEARING. IN UNANIMOUS OPPOSITION TO THIS
PROJECT, AS I AM FOR THESE REASONS:

- 1) THIS IS A TARGET FOR TERRORISM
- 2) THIS OWNERSHIP/MANAGEMENT OF THIS PROPOSED
PORT AMBROSE PROJECT IS NOT TRANSPARENT
& SOMEWHAT INVOLVED

3) THIS WILL CAUSE CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL WARMING
A MORE HAZARDOUS SANDS

Commenter's Name and Mailing Address: (Please Print)

- 4) THE PROPOSED "ECONOMIC" BENEFITS TO CITIZENS IN
NEW JERSEY IS INJURIOUS & UNTRUE ... THERE WILL
ONLY BE SEVERAL "TEMPORARY" JOBS CREATED

- 5) THE PROJECT WILL INTERFERE WITH A WIND FARM
TO CREATE ENERGY THE PROPER WAY

THERE ARE MANY MANY OTHER CONCERNS

"PORT" AMBROSE ... NOT IN OUR COUNTRY, NOT IN OUR
OCEAN, NOT IN OUR DEEP

SP202-1

See response to SP13-7.

SP202-2

See response to SP23-5.

SP202-3

See response to SP14-1.

SP202-4

Thank you for your comment. As discussed in Section 1.1, a component of the DWPA Application review is to "protect the interests of the United States and those of adjacent coastal States". New York and New Jersey have been designated as adjacent coastal states for the proposed Project. Impacts, both positive and negative from the construction, operation and decommissioning of the proposed Project have been adequately addressed in Section 4 of the final EIS.

SP202-5

See response to SP26-2.